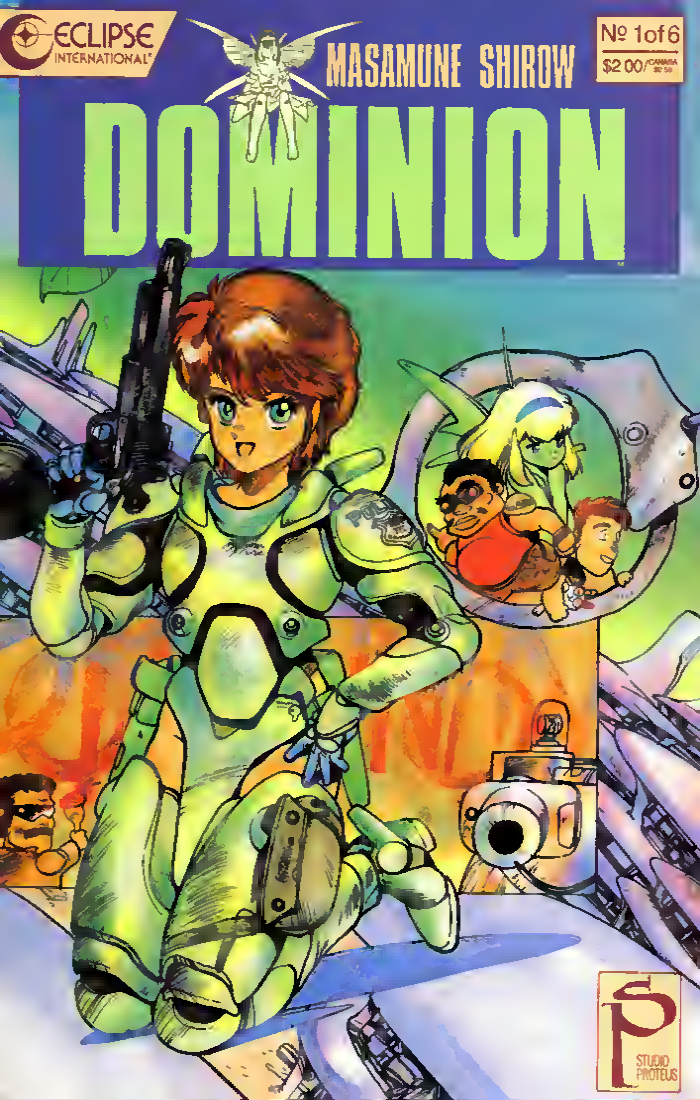
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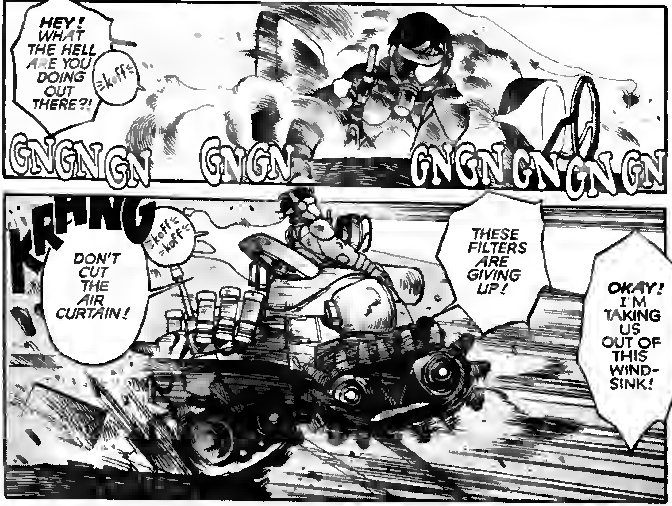
AND THIS SPACE,
THAT WHICH THEY CALL "TERRA"
WAS OF A FORM MOST RARE AND MYSTERIOUS

ESPECIALLY THOSE SURFACE PROJECTIONS,
"HUMANOID" BY LABEL,
WHICH ENGAGED CEASELESSLY IN THE MOST
REMARKABLE BEHAVIOR .

FROM "The SPACE DIARIES of GREENPEACE CROLIS"

GNGNGN

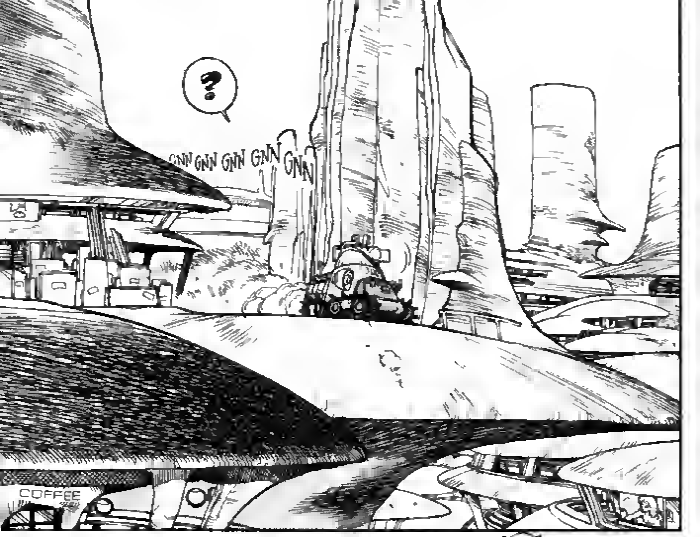

HEY! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING OUT THERE?!
=HUFF=
GNGNGN
GNGN
GNGNGNGN
KRANG
DON'T CUT THE AIR CURTAIN!
=HUFF= =HUFF=
THESE FILTERS ARE GIVING UP!
OKAY! I'M TAKING US OUT OF THIS WIND-SINK!

GNGN
GNGN
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE
ALL CITIZENS CLEAR THE STREET!
THIS IS THE POLICE!
PIPE DOWN, WILLYA? BUNKU'S GONNA HEAR YOU!
YOW!
SKREEEEE
KRANG!
POLICE

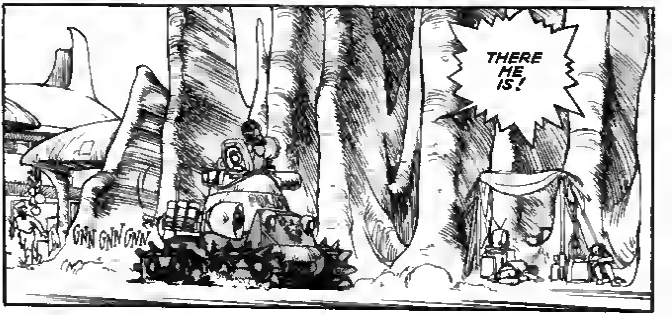
MY, MY BEAUTIFUL ARMOR! SCRATCHED!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, BRENTEN!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU KEEP DRIVING THAT PIECE OF JUNK AROUND ON THE STREETS!
Kohak
"JUNK"? YOU'RE THE "PIECE OF JUNK!!"
HEY! HE'S COMING!
KSHANG KSHANG
KSHANG KSHANG
Heh, heh, heh!
GET RICH QUICK
YAHAHA!
KSHANG KSHANG
KSHANG KSHANG
SKREEEE
KACH
KSHANG KSHANG
KSHANG
GET RICH QUICK
EEK!
POLICE

KLIK
BOM
GET RICH QUICK
GET RICH QUICK
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE!
YOU HOPELESSLY INCOMPETENT IDIOTS!
BKOOM BKOOM BKOOM
Yeek! Yeek! Yeek!

RUN! RUN, YOU LITTLE DEVIL!
NYAHAHA!
BKOW
Klik klik klik klik klik klik klik klik
Beep!
MY- MY FINGERS WON'T STOP!
KANGG
WE'RE IN HOT PURSUIT, SQUAD LEADER!
GN GN GN GN
Klik klik klik
GN GN GN GN
AIEE!
YAAH!
THUD
THIS THIS IS AN OUT-RAGE!
Quick! I WANT THIS ON TAPE!
TAPE
HUH?!
GNGNGNGNNNN
KUNK!
POLICE
GNNNN
POLICE


?
GNN GNN GNN GNN GNN
COFFEE

I'VE LOST HIS FOOT-STEPS!
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
SOME-WHERE AROUND HERE...


THERE HE IS!
GNN GNN GNN

NYAHAHAHA!
YOU CAN'T CATCH ME-- I'M INVINCIBLE!!
I'M FREE! FREE, I TELL YOU!
RRGG!
COME ON, YOU PINHEAD PIG COPS! CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!
CATCH ME AND KISS MY BUTT! YAHAHA!
FULL SPEED AHEAD!
Kchok
Huh?!
EXTEND THE LEGS! REVERSE THE REAR DRIVE TRACKS!
SKRASSH
WHAT THE HELL?!
MY MY HUT!!
GRNGNGR!

GRIND
YAA HAHAHAYA!
POLICE
WOW!
WHO'S LAUGHING NOW, FAT BOY?!
YOU GOT ANY OTHER SMART-ASS COMMENTS ?!
LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT ME, COPPER!
CURSES! FOILED AGAIN!
BOMF

SPRAK!
FWUDD
MAN!
?
?
WOW! THESE ARE BEAUTIFUL! WHAT ARE THEY?
DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING? THOSE THINGS ARE GOLD COINS-- THEY USE THEM FOR SETTING THE INTEREST RATE ON CREDIT CARDS

HANDS ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD! SLOWLY!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR BANK ROBBERY!
UH YOU KNOW, "UNDER ARREST"..?
?
KSHANG!
!
BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!
KLIK
AIEE!
OOM!

OWWW
KONK
OW!
HEY! THESE COINS ARE FAKE, TOO!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN BACK AT THE WINDSINK, BRENTEN!!
SUCKERS!!
Buaku
!
THEY'RE MINE, ALL MINE!
THINK
WHDD
GET YOUR MEATHOOKS OFFA MY GOLD!!
SQUAD LEADER BRENTEN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!

HELLO, THIS IS THE TANK POLICE!
takka takka
Oh, HI, EDNA
RRRINGG!
takka takka
BAM
WHAT?!
HE- HE GOT AWAY FROM YOU AGAIN?!?
HNGG... NGRRR...
SKRSSH
KRAK
Hmm?
takka tak
RRINGG
AHRR... GNGG...
CH-CHIEF!
MEW!
scchhterp!
DON'T FIGET A RIQUES FO'M F 81- MORE AMMO!
Beep!
RRRINGG
YOU CAN WRITE THE DAMN REPORT AND REQUEST FORM!
takka takka
JEEZ, THIS IS EMBARRASSING... YOU GUYS.
takka tak
RRRINGG
HOW TO KILL

LEONA, THE REPAIR CREW WAS LOOKING FOR YOU - SOMETHING ABOUT THE GUN-SIGHT...
THEY CAME TO TRY PINS...
Oh GREAT.
CAN'T HIT A DAMN THING WITHOUT THAT, CAN I?
HEY, YOU!
CHIEF! I GOTTA GO.. MY SON WENT OUTSIDE WITHOUT HIS MASK!
WHUDD
JUST LOOK AT THESE!!
WOW COMPLAINTS, huh?
ALL OF THEM?!
OUR HAPPY CITIZENS, S-SENDING US THINGS LIKE THIS...!
-sniff-
B-BUT LOOK... IT'S SO WELL-MADE
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT, CHIEF... THIS THING'S DANGER-OUS!
S-SUH-SAY WHAT?! I, THEY, HE hee hee hee!
-snort-
HEEYAA! NYAHHA!
KRASH
EEEK!!
EEYAH!
HEE!
EEK!

BITCHIN'!
YOU CAN SEE THE SUN TODAY!
JUST DON'T GET TEMPTED TO OPEN THE WINDOW, OKAY?
WE WERE THE FIRST COUNTRY TO COMMERCIALIZE BIO-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUT IT'S STILL LIKE THIS HERE MUST BE REAL WICKED, OTHER PLACES
YEAH, I HEAR THE FARMS IN EUROPE GOT IT BAD, MAN
POK
IT'S A TRIAL FROM HEAVEN.
-ffft-
BLOOSH
WHAT CRAP!
WANTED
BUAKU
AW, JUST CHUCK HIM OUTSIDE WITH THE BACTERIA!
GODDAMN RELIGIOUS NUTS!
SEE YOU LATER!

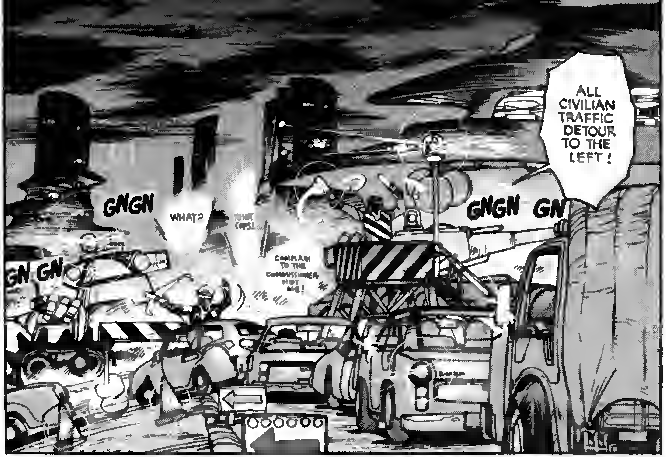
WHAT WAS THE LITTLE TWERP UP TO? WASHING LEONA'S MASK FOR HER AGAIN?
YEAH.
WANTED: THE GREAT BUAKU
GYAAHH!
AL, LET ME OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!
HOW DARE YOU LOCK ME UP!! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!
LET ME OUT, DAMMIT!
KRANG
KANG
KASHANGG
YOU KNOW IT'S DOWN-RIGHT INHUMAN TO LOCK UP THE CHIEF IN ONE OF OUR OWN CELLS
"TRIAL FROM HEAVEN," MAN
heh, heh
LET US SPECULATE ON THE CHIEF'S CURRENT PSYCHO-LOGICAL STATUS
POINT - WE ARE THE SPECIAL TANK POLICE, CREATED SPECIFICALLY TO STOP BUAKU AND HIS MINIONS YET AGAIN TODAY, AS COUNTLESS TIMES BEFORE
Ahem WELL, YOU KNOW...
ANYWAY, I WOULD PRESUME THAT THIS IS THE PRIMARY MOTI-VATING FACTOR IN HIS BREAK-DOWN
Aw, YOU'RE FULL OF IT
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THAT HIT FIVE DAYS AGO, REMEMBER? THAT GIRL GOT KIDNAPPED FROM THE CRITICAL SCIENCE DEVELOP-MENT AGENCY?
SKSSSH
THE BRASS HAVE BEEN RIDIN HIM ON THAT, MAN
EYOW!
Huh?
YOU PUT YOUR CIGARETTE OUT ON MY HAND

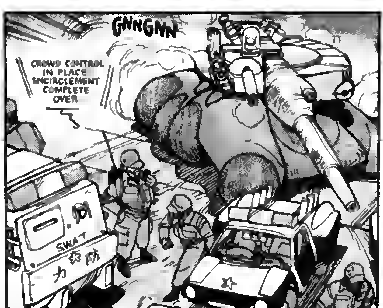
LEONA!
WANTED
HI, THERE...
YEAH, I'M BANGED UP FROM HEAD TO TOE...
WELL, IT'S YOUR PUNISHMENT. NEXT TIME, DRIVE MORE CAREFULLY!
THIS? THE CHIEF ALMOST GOT AHOLD OF ME WHEN I WENT BY HIS CELL
heh heh heh
HI! SAY...
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT SCRATCH?

Oh, YOU MEAN THE TANK!
HA HA HA
?
C'MON, THIS IS NOTHING THE ARMOR'S NOT CRACKED OR ANYTHING..
NOTHING?!
NOTHING?!
YOU THINK I'M JOKING?! ARE YOU CRAZY?!
THAT DELICATE BLEND OF SMOOTHLY MELDED SURFACES WAS THE VERY EXPRESSION OF INVINCIBLE ARMOR, CASTING FEAR INTO ALL THOSE OF EVIL HEART! BUT YOU!
YOU TOOK THAT EXQUISITE EXTERIOR AND SCRATCHED IT!
B-BUT, I...
huh?
Ohhh, MY SWEET LITTLE PRETTY!
BEAUTY IS SUCH A FLEETING THING...
AN INTERESTING PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE...
SCIENCE IS THE WORK OF THE DEVIL!
THE THRILL OF YOUR COLD, HARD TOUCH ♡
F CHRIST'S SAKE, WOMAN! DON'T YOU EVER QUIT?!

YOU'VE GOT VISITORS!
?
RRHNNGG takka takka tak
KEEP YA FILTHY MITTS OFFA ME PIG!
CHIEF, IT'S A CALL FROM THAT "CITIZEN'S WATCHDOG COMMITTEE" BUNCH!
WHAT'S THAT?
LET'S SEE HIS AL181 STAND UP TO THIS!
YOU TANK GUYS GOT IT GOOD-- DON'T YOU EVER WORK?
WHAT'S UP IN THERE?
LOOKS LIKE THOSE GUYS FROM INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGAIN.
BEFORE CHAPLAIN WAS TRANSFERRED HERE WORD IS HE TOOK PITY ON SOME PUNK AND LET HIM OFF THE HOOK SO THEN THE SCUMBAG SHOOTS CHAPLAIN'S PARTNER AND GETS CLEAN AWAY
THOSE BASTARDS AREN'T EVER GOING TO LET HIM FORGET IT, EITHER!
LETTER FOR YOU!
THANKS, KID!
BRENTEN! WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS REQUISITION? YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY WANT THAT MUCH AMMO!

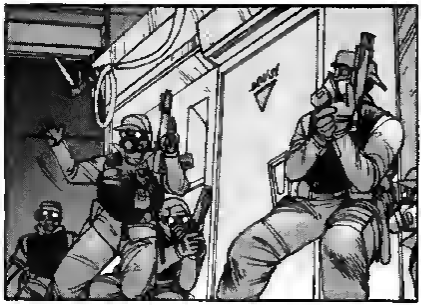
WELL? WHAT IS IT?
SON OF A BITCH!
I MADE IT! I'VE BEEN HIRED BY THE CRITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER!
FORTLINE SMILES ON ME AT LAST! FINALLY!
GOOD RIDDANCE TO THIS HELL-HOLE!
"HELL-HOLE"?
THEY DIDN'T LET ME INTO ENGINEERING, BUT NOW NOW I FINALLY...
PRIINNGG
takka takka
SQUAD LEADER ABOUT THAT REQUI-SITION SHEET
ALL RIGHT, WE'RE OUTTA HERE!
HOT TIP, KIDDIES!
JOINT-OP WITH THE LOCAL SWAT! WE'RE TAKING OUT ONE OF THE BUAKU GANG'S HIDEOUTS!
ALL RIGHT!


ALL CIVILIAN TRAFFIC DETOUR TO THE LEFT!
GNGN
WHAT?
GNGN GN
GN GN
COMPLAIN TO THE COMMISSIONER, NOT ME!


GNNGMN
CROWD CONTROL IN PLACE. SPECTACLEMENT COMPLETE OVER.
SMAT

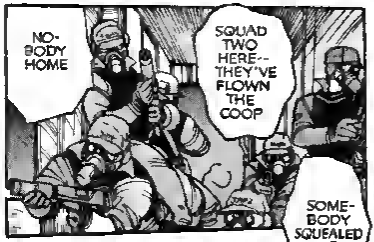
THEY'RE HIDING OUT IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA...?
WHUP
WHUP WHUP
WHUP
WHUP

SORRY! COMMANDER WARREN'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE! HIS TEAM S JUST GOING IN NOW!
koff
koff
NO PROB-- I'LL WAIT


BAM!

THE O_2 READINGS IN THIS PLACE ARE INCRED-IBLE!
THE AIR'S WAY TOO CLEAN FOR A CIVILIAN HOUSE..

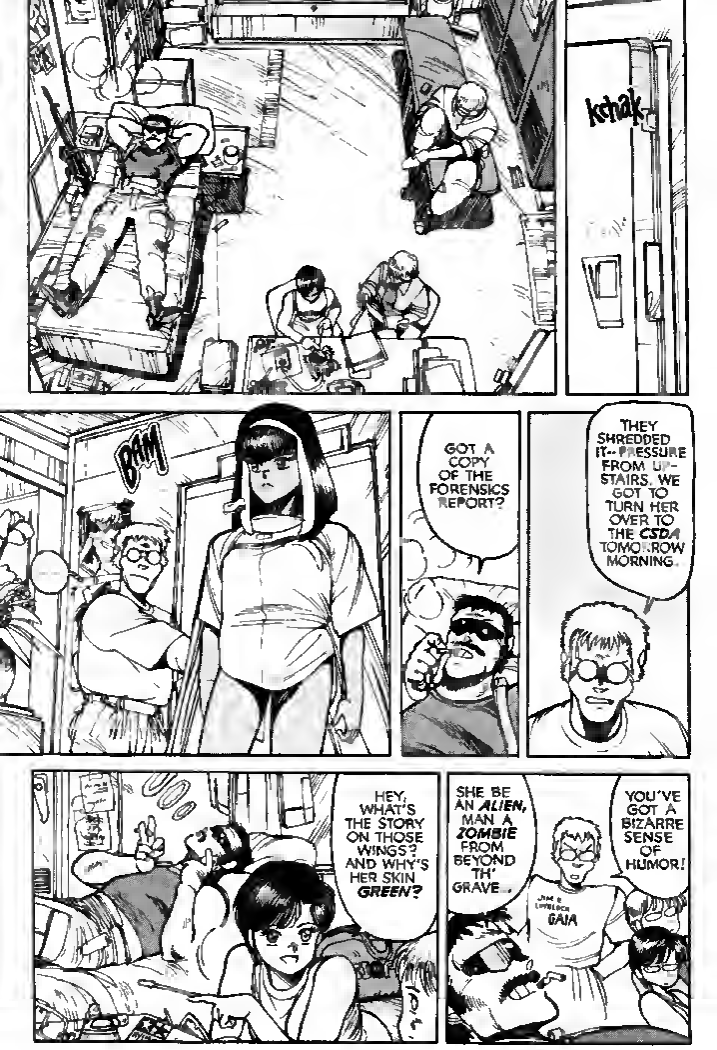
DON'T EVEN NEED A MASK IN HERE!


NO-BODY HOME
SQUAD TWO HERE-- THEY'VE FLOWN THE COOP
SOME-BODY SQUEALED ...?

WE'VE FOUND SOMETHING— MAINTENANCE KITS FOR POWERED SUITS AND GOLD! GOLD COINS!
CONFIS-CATE 'EM!
!
GRRRR
GRRRR

A DOLL..?
I'VE SEEN THAT FACE BEFORE... HEY! IT'S THE SAME AS THOSE MUG SHOTS WE GOT FROM THE CSDA! BUT...
SHE'S GOT WINGS?!
SHE ALIVE OR WHAT?
WEIRD... WELL, BETTER REPORT IN...

THIS IS PRETTY STRANGE
THOSE GUYS PERVERTS OR SOME-THIN...?
IS SHE IN SHOCK? DOPED?
LET ME THROUGH! LET ME THROUGH!
WHAT THE F--?? HEY, MEATHEAD! NO CIVILIANS ALLOWED!
I'M FROM CRITICAL SCIENCE DEVELOP-MENT AGENCY!
!
OH WOW! PLEASED TO MEET YOU...
WE'LL TAKE THE GIRL. NOW. HEY! BRING THAT OVER HERE!
NOT SO FAST, PAL!
LAY ONE HAND ON HER AND YOU'RE HAM-BURGER, NERDO!
Heh heh NOBODY SCREWS AROUND WITH THE TANK POLICE!
HOW DARE -
STUFF IT UNTIL I CHECK YOUR CREDENTIALS, PAL!
FORENSICS AND SECURITY, STAY ON THE SCENE. EVERY-BODY ELSE
THIS ONE'S EMPTY, TOO!
LEAVE THAT TO INVESTI-GATIONS WE'RE MOVING OUT!


Kchak
BAM!
GOT A COPY OF THE FORENSICS REPORT?
THEY SHREDDED IT-- PRESSURE FROM UP-STAIRS. WE GOT TO TURN HER OVER TO THE CSDA TOMORROW MORNING.
HEY, WHAT'S THE STORY ON THOSE WINGS? AND WHY'S HER SKIN GREEN?
SHE BE AN ALIEN, MAN A ZOMBIE FROM BEYOND TH' GRAVE...
YOU'VE GOT A BIZARRE SENSE OF HUMOR!
GAIA

=Hrumph!= I PRESUME YOU ARE ALL AT LEAST AWARE THAT THE NATURAL WORLD RUNS IN CYCLES?
YOU MEAN, THE LION KILLS THE DEER, THE CARCASS RETURNS TO THE SOIL THAT KIND OF THING?
WANTED BUA
THAT'S JUST ONE SMALL PART OF IT!
JAMES LOVELOCK GAIA
THE REGULATION OF ATMOSPHERIC COMPOSITION BY THE BIOSPHERE, NITROGEN FIXING, DECOMPOSITION, THE WATER CYCLE, THE KREBS CYCLE, PLATE TECTONICS! ETCETERA, ETCETERA!
THE WHOLE SPACESHIP EARTH, ORGANIC AND INORGANIC, IS A SINGLE LIVING ORGANISM!
HEY, WAKE UP! YOU THINK YOU'RE BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL?!
WELL, ACTUALLY
=Ahem!= ANYWAY, AS THE PRICE TO PAY FOR HAVING INTERFERED WITH THIS IMMENSE, DELICATE ECO-SYSTEM, WE NOW LIVE IN A PERMANENT CLOUD OF TOXIC MICRO-ORGANISMS.
SO WHAT'S ALL THIS GOT TO DO WITH THE GREEN CHICK, huh?
SHE'S NOT A "CHICK"... SHE'S LIVING AIR CLEANER.

SHE ABSORBS THE CLOUD, FILTERS IT, AND SUPPLIES US WITH OXYGEN. SHE'S PART PLANT, SHE'S PART ANIMAL. SHE'S PART COLONY OF MICROORGANIC LIFE!
SHE'S AN ARTIFICIAL LIFEFORM WITH SUPERNORMAL ABILITIES TO ADAPT TO RADICAL ENVIRONMENTS!
HEY!
DID YOU REPORT HER AS STOLEN PROPERTY? MAKE SURE YOU KEEP HER WATERED, AND DON'T DO NOTHIN' THAT MIGHT GET US IN DEEP SHIT WITH THE WILDLIFE PROTECTION AGENCY!
JIM E. LOVELOCK
TANK POLICE
POLICE DEPT.
LOOK, I APOLOGIZED ALREADY, OKAY?
NO WAY, JOSE--TONIGHT I HAVE A DATE WITH BONAPARTE!
AW GEEL LEONA
WHAT-CHA DOIN'?
KAIK KCIK
takka takka
WHY DOES THE NATURAL WORLD CO-EXIST THROUGH THE DIVISION OF LABOR?! WHY DID IT HAVE TO FOLLOW THAT MODEL, AND NOT ANOTHER? WELL?!

I, uh, WELL, SEE...?
NOW TAKE THIS GIRL HERE...
CERTAINLY SHE'S AN INEFFICIENT SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM BUT EVEN BEYOND THE OBVIOUS IT'S STRANGE, DON'T YOU THINK?
SHE DOESN'T REALLY NEED FOOD, CLOTHES SHELTER, OR EVEN A MASK. YET THEY'VE MADE HER HUMANOID
WHY?
IDEALLY, YOU'D WANT A SHAPE THAT COULD RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SUNLIGHT. BUT IN ANY CASE, THIS LITTLE WALKING "PLANET EARTH" HERE FORMS PART OF A SET/CYCLE THAT INCLUDES AND BENEFITS HUMANS
?
THEY'RE FAKE, DEAR
AT THE PRESENT TIME, FOR WHATEVER REASONS, THEY'VE CHOSEN TO MAKE A "HUMAN" WITH AN AIR CLEANING FUNCTION, USING PLANTS AND MICROORGANISMS MUCH THE WAY NATURE USES BODY STRUCTURES AND CELLS
BUT WHAT NECESSITY WAS THERE TO BASE HER ON A HUMAN FORM? IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO JUST MASS-PRODUCE PLANTS FUSED WITH MICROBES
WAIT... THE CSDA COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THINKING THAT...!
WHAT'S THIS SCAR?
?
OH, ME AND A DOCTOR BUDDY OF MINE TOOK OUT ONE OF HER RIBS
WE'D PLANNED TO DISSECT HER LUNGS BUT THEY WERE TOO COMPLICATED
AS I SAID, SCIENCE IS THE DEVIL'S WORK...
TO BE CONTINUED...

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GOOD MORNING!-klik-
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MMPH...
JEEZ WHO OPENED THE DAMN CURTAINS...?! I HAD A DOUBLE SHIFT...
HAIDS-SASUKA-TSUBAKI-SANJOS IDIOTS...
GOOD MORNING, SAKURA...
NOW JUST HOLD OH, HERE!
DID YOU DO STUFF LIKE THAT AT BLAKU'S PLACE...? PROBABLY...
YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT... SOME PEOPLE WILL SLEEP WITH ANYTHING.
THOUGHT THE AIR SMELLED CLEANER...
LOOK, WOULD YOU PLEASE...
EWWSSH
HEY! WATCH THOSE WINGS, WILL--

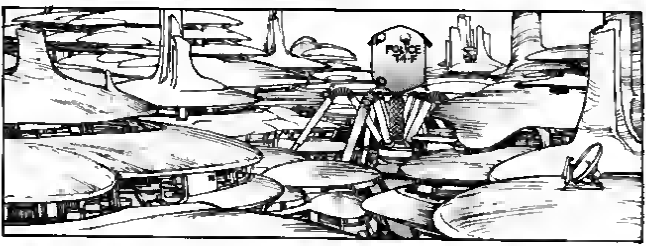
C.A.D.P. : CITIZENS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE POLICE

AND SO, GENTLE MEN...
OUR POINT IS *THIS*-- WE THE PEOPLE ARE *FED UP* WITH HAVING YOUR RIDICULOUS TOY TANKS RUNNING ABOUT *DESTROYING* OUR TOWN AND *TEARING UP* OUR ROADS!
C.A.D.P.
I DON'T SEE THE PROBLEM, LADY
MNGRR-RRR!
WE OF THE C.A.D.P. HAVE COOPERATED WITH *SPECIFIC DYNAMICS INC.* TO DESIGN THIS FINE MACHINE AS A TESTBED FOR OUR THEORIES, AND *WE INSIST* THAT IT BE PLACED IN *IMMEDIATE* SERVICE!
YES, YES, OF COURSE! WE'LL BE *GLAD* TO TRY IT OUT... *heh, heh...* MAYBE TOMORROW...
WHAT THE HELL'S IT *DO*? CATCH HUNDRED POUND *FLIES*?
EXIT
LET US DEMONSTRATE...
GET OUT OF THE WAY!!
?!?
THEY WANT US TO USE THOSE DAMN THINGS
MANUAL
T4-F

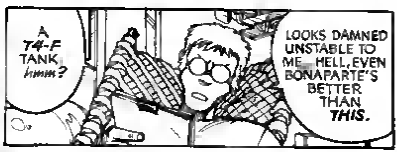
IN-- INSTEAD OF BONAPARTE ?
GUESS SO

THEY CAN'T !!

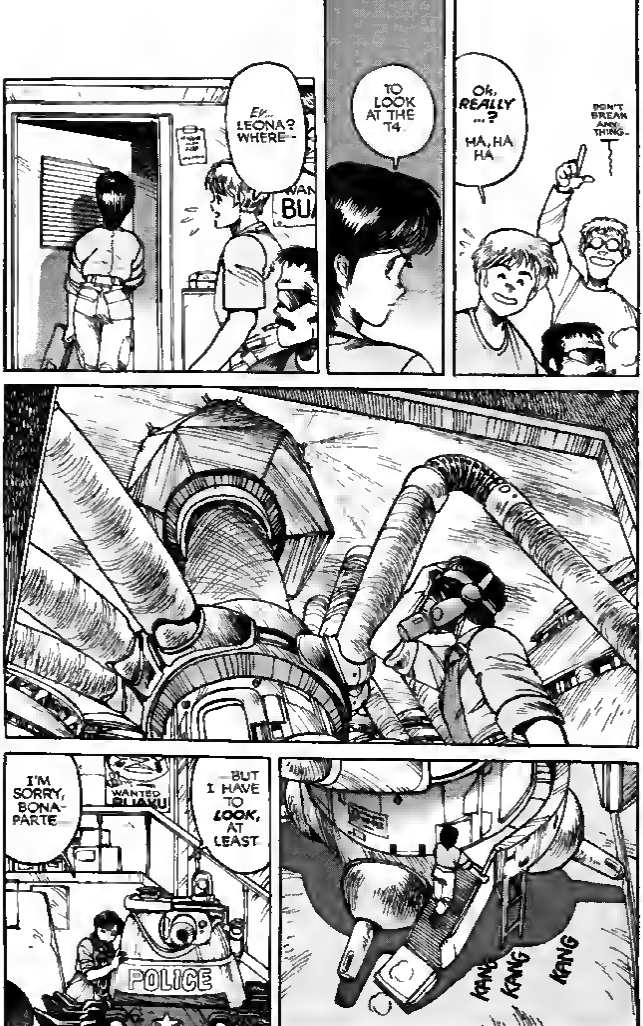
TH
THEY CAN'T

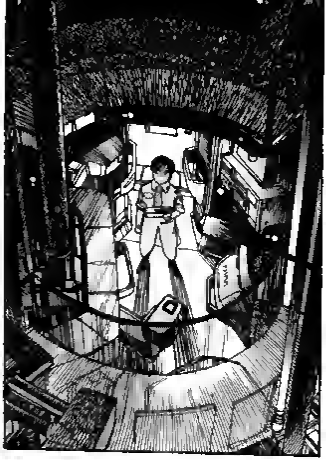

POLICE TANK

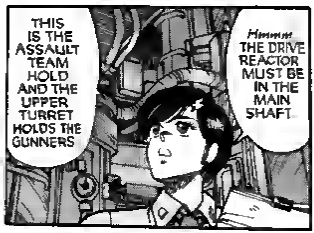
WANTED
BUAKU
THE GREAT


A T4-F TANK hmm?
LOOKS DAMNED UNSTABLE TO ME-- HELL, EVEN BONAPARTE'S BETTER THAN THIS.

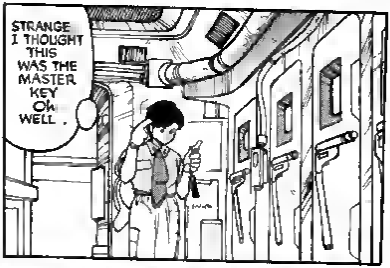
BANG!
Ulp!

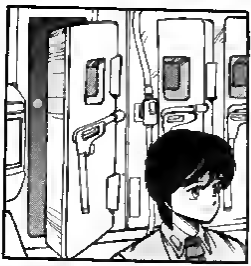

Eh, LEONA? WHERE--
TO LOOK AT THE T4
Oh, REALLY ...? HA, HA HA
DON'T BREAK ANY THING.
WANTED
I'M SORRY, BONAPARTE
--BUT I HAVE TO LOOK, AT LEAST
POLICE
KANG KANG KANG

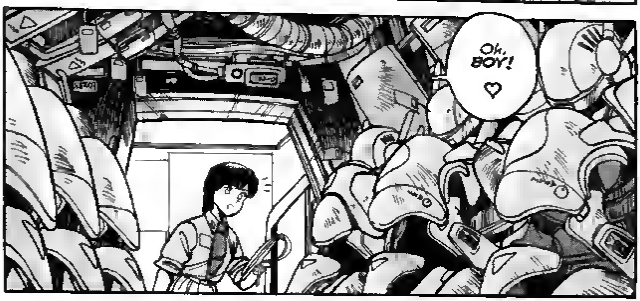



THIS IS THE ASSAULT TEAM HOLD AND THE UPPER TURRET HOLDS THE GUNNERS
Hmmm THE DRIVE REACTOR MUST BE IN THE MAIN SHAFT

KLIK
Hn??


STRANGE I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE MASTER KEY OH WELL .




OH, BOY!

POWERED ARMOR SUITS!
WOWR
JUST LIKE IN THE COMICS. heh heh!
Hi!
KCHUNK
MMPH!
HUH? Aw THEY DON'T TURN ON UNLESS THE TANK'S RUNNING RATS!
yawn
GEE YOU KNOW, THIS THING'S JUST AS DANGEROUS AS NORMAL TANKS. SOMEONE OUGHT TO TELL THE CADP
GOD, I'M SO TIRED JUST NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP LATELY..
ZZZ
ZZZ

SHHH!
AMMO
YEEK!
WANTED
BUAKU
THE GREAT
SHHH!!
AMMO
AHRGG... THIS IS JUST LIKE THE POLICE! LOOK AT THIS EXPENSIVE AMMO! AS A TAXPAYER I--
SHH!!!
PONK
MANCH
MANCH
MANCH

OOOH, BOSS! YOU'RE JUST SO GREAT! YOU'RE SUCH A GENIUS! THIS IS JUST FABULOUS! YOUR TROJAN HORSE PLAN WORKED JUST LIKE YOU SAID!
GOOD CITIZENS ARE PUTTY IN MY HANDS!
Hee hee, hee!
ANNA-PUMA WHERE'S UNI-PUMA?
MORE AN MORE AN MORE!
SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO LOOK FOR GREEN-PEACE.
HONK!
COOL
RRIINNG!
YES, MAAM NO, MAAM SORRY, MAAM
YOU GOT IT? BY THE TIME I FINALLY GOT THERE WHAT D'D YOU THINK I FOUND?
takka takka
AVIPP
kchik
SEE A
Hmm?

HEY! YOU OVER THERE! WHA--
snak
!
FREEZE!
GET YOUR HAND OFF THE GUN-- I DON'T WANT TO SHOOT YOU!
HANDS ON YOUR HEAD. EASY NOW.
BAM!
BAM!
!
HNK!
UHH!

SORRY BOSS!
DOLT! IDIOT! BIMBO! THIS MEANS WAR!
DROP THE AMMO!
POWER UP!!
POWER UP!
POWER UP...!
FIRE!!
BLAM BLAM
WKOOM
POLICE
BOOM

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
BLAM
AIEE!
BLAM
HELP!
TAKE THAT! AND THAT!!
NYAHAHA HAHA!!!
SPUK
SPUK
SPUK
THE BUJAKU GANG?!?
AIEE!
GREEN-PEACE CHOLIS IS GONE!
LEONA! LEONA!!
BRENTEN! LEONA'S NOT HERE!
HUH! PROBABLY LYING AROUND SOMEWHERE IN A PILE OF TANK PARTS...
KBOOM
BONAPARTE'S JUST KNOCKED OVER, NOT DAMAGED!
AND WE CAN GET ONE OF THE HEAVY TANKS RUNNING WITH JUST A MODULE CHANGE! I'LL TAKE THAT ONE!
ROGER!
IT, IT WAS BUILT WITH PUBLIC FUNDS
DON'T TELL ME WE'RE RESPONSIBLE--?
C.A

NYAHAHA! NO ONE CAN STOP US NOW!!
WHOOM
POLICE
MONEY, MONEY, MONEY! GRAB ALL THE MONEY YOU CAN! DON'T WANT NO C/CARDS, DON'T WANT NO STINKIN' PAPER! JUST BRING ME GOLD, GOLD COINS, GOLD BULLION!
ALL THE GOLD IN THE COUNTRY, MINE!! ALL MINE!
SECURITY BANK
SKRAK
SECURITY
KANG KANG
KANG KANG

YAHAHAHA! GET IT ALL! GET EVERY-THING!
SCHUUUP!
SLUUU
UURK
EEEK!
MMMM
WHUP
KLINK
KLINK
KLINK
GEE THINK I'LL JUST TAKE THIS ONE, OKAY?
FDD
NEXT! ON TO THE NEXT BANK!
EEEK!
BLAM
BLAM BLAM

BKOOM
HOLD IT! WE CAN'T START THE ASSAULT YET!
HEY, MY ARMORED SUIT'S GOT A HEAD IN IT ALREADY!
DAMN! THE ARTIST DREW MY HEAD SO BIG I CAN'T FIT IT INTO THIS HELMET!
HAH! LOOK AT ME! PERFECTION!
WOW! WAY COOL!
BUT MY LEGS DON'T FIT
IDIOT!
HEY, BUAKU! LOOK WHAT I'VE GOT.
B-BUAKU HELP...!
DON'T TOUCH ME, YOU CREEP! TAKE THAT! AND THAT!
WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T THE KID WITH THE TOY TANK!
FNMP
COME WITH ME!
OWWW!

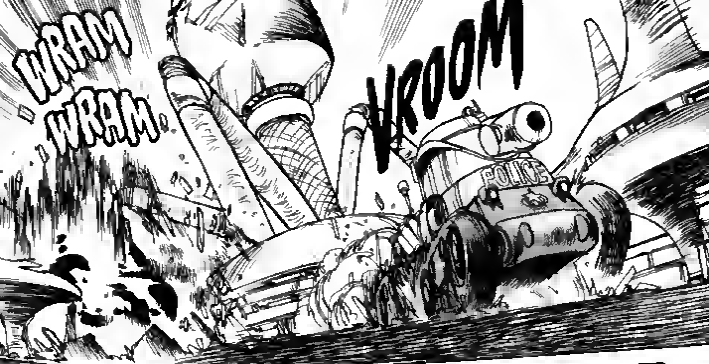
DON'T FUCK WHEN I'M CHANGING!
HEY!
HEH, JUST A SECURITY CHECK!
IF YOU'D RETURN THAT GIRL, MAYBE WE COULD ALL HAVE CLEAN AIR SOMEDAY!
SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S PLENTY OF AIR IN YOUR HEAD!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THE GREEN-PEACE PLAN?
boot!
THEY'RE JUST GOING TO USE INFO FROM HER DEVELOPMENT TO TURN US ALL INTO GREEN CRITTERS! TOO HARD TO CLEAN THE AIR, SO JUST MAKE PEOPLE WHO CAN BREATHE THAT CRAP, RIGHT?
AND THEY WANT TO EXPAND INTO SPACE, TOO, THE BASTARDS!
ME TOO, BOSS!
SO WHO CARES!? AT LEAST WE WOULDN'T NEED THOSE DAMN MASKS ANYMORE!
YOU'RE JUST AFRAID THEY'D ARREST YOU WHEN YOU WENT IN FOR THE SURGERY! THEY WOULD, TOO!
I WANT TO BREATHE CLEAN AIR! I WANT TO DRIVE MY OWN CAR! I CAN'T QUIT SMOKING! I WANT TO USE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, CHEMICALS, ARTIFICIAL ADDITIVES!
B-BUT IF YOU DO THAT, THE SMOG WILL JUST--
SHADDUP! AND I DON'T WANT ANYONE REBUILDING ME!

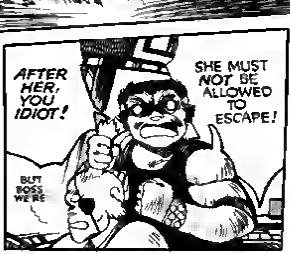
H-HEY, HEY! STOP THAT!
Y, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!! I MEAN, YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY GOOD-LOOKING, YOU KNOW! AND I NEVER ON A FIRST DATE!
WHAM!
HRRK!
WOW, THAT WAS QUICK, BOSS!
UUUUGGGHHH
SHE MUST BE REALLY GOOD, huh?
OOHHH
YOU MORON! SHE KICKED ME IN THE BALLS!
WHAM!
GMPH!
Hmph!
CUTE, huh?
Hee hee
YEAH, YEAH, CUTE!

OH YEAH! I ALMOST FORGOT-- THE POWER SUITS!
MAYBE MY BALLS ARE SOO LONG FOR THIS ONE?
ARSENAL
EXIT
HOPELESS, DAMN IT! JUST CAN'T WEAR THOSE OFF-THE-RACK SUITS!
YOU THINK THEY'D FIT LUNA OR KEI?
beep
Akk!
SSSSSSS
SSSTHMP!
KRNG
I THOUGHT SO PRE-STRETCHED CABLES FOR THE MUSCLES IN THESE SUITS USELESS!
I'VE GOT TO FIND A THIN SPOT IN THE HULL SOME-WHERE..
Zzz

KILL HIM
KILL HIM
KILL HIM
KILL HIM!!
BVOOM!
BROOM
BROOM
POLICE
WHAMM
YEEK!
WHAT?!
IS THAT LEONA?!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? COME ON, JUMP!
AL!!
AAA!
WH-
BOOM

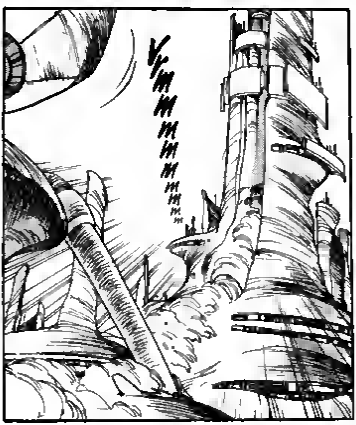
WHAT THE--?!
NICE CATCH!
D.. DOWN THERE IT'S HER!
W-BOOM
CRUSH THEM!!
YES, BOSS
GREEN-PEACE IS STILL IN THERE !!
!
WHSSH
POLICE
BOOM!
EEK!
SKRAAGH


WRAM
WRAM
VROOM


AFTER HER, YOU IDIOT!
SHE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO ESCAPE!
BUT BOSS WE'RE

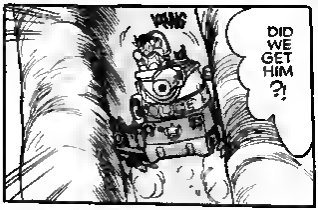
IF WE CAN JUST FIND A WIND-SINK...!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF RUNNING AWAY?!
WE JUST NEED TO GET ABOVE THEM -- A DIRECT HIT NEAR THE COCKPIT OUGHT TO FIX 'EM!

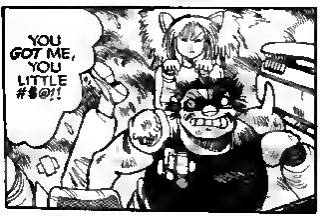
THE HULL'S THIN ENOUGH THAT I CAN TEAR IT WITH THIS WIMPY ARMORED SUIT! I'LL BET IT'S THIN EVERYWHERE EXCEPT FOR THE GUN TURRETS, TO SAVE WEIGHT!
RRRRRRR

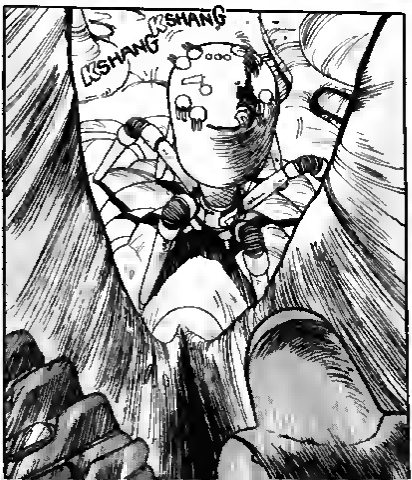

VRRRRRRRRRRRR

IT'S WORKING!
FULL THROTTLE!

WRAM
WHKOOM


WHAM
DID WE GET HIM?!


YOU GOT ME, YOU LITTLE #$@!!


KSHANG KSHANG

GEEZ, DIDN'T IT DO ANYTHING?! IF THEY GET UNDER US, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SHOOT!
NEITHER WILL THEY, SO WE'LL BE EVEN, AT LEAST!
BUT, LEONA!

AREN'T WE GETTING JUST A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY?!
MMMMMM
THIS SUCKER'S MADE TO CLIMB! DUMP EVERY-THING HEAVY!
WE CAN PICK UP THE GOLD AND THE GIRL'S LATER!
SON OF A BITCH!
CRASH

Rchak
ARE YOU CRAZY?!
WE LEAVE IT HERE!
HEY! WHAT ABOUT BONAPARTE?!
QUICK! WE CAN ESCAPE THROUGH THE OBSERVATION DECK!

DAMN IT, IF THIS IS THE WAY THEY WANT IT, THEN WE'LL JUST CRASH INTO THEM AND TAKE THEM WITH US!
Uh
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! YOU JAPANESE ARE ALL KAMIKAZE CRAZY! I--
HEY! WHAT'S WRONG?
I--I CAN'T MOVE! THE BATTERIES FOR MY ARMORED SUIT RAN OUT!
GET OUT OF IT! NOW!
JU-JUST OPEN THE HATCH FOR ME!
Eh heh heh heh!
KANG
LET ME GO! WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE BONAPARTE BEHIND!!
OWW! MY FOOT'S CAUGHT ON SOMETHING!
POLICE
HAW HAW HAW! YOU GUYS ARE A SCREAM!
Oooh, oooh! LOOKY OUT! YOU MIGHT FA-ALL!
23

OOOPSIE! I SHOOK THE TOWER! SORRRY! ♡
EEK!
klik
FMP
BLAM
NO!
POLICE
SLRAK
Uh-oh
MY BONA-PARTE !!
AIEEE!

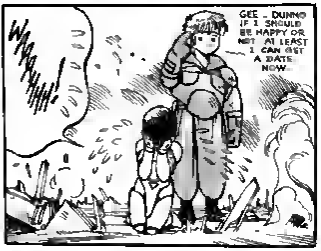
SHAM!
EEE!
YAAH!
SKRASSH
OHHH
HNN--
NNGK!
WHAP

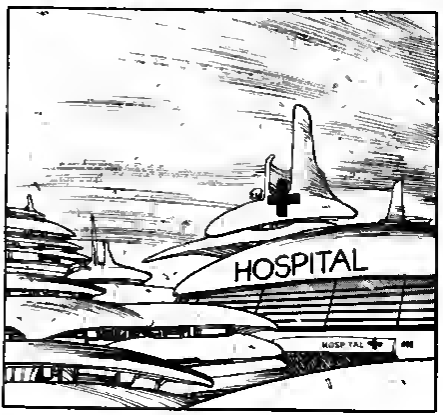
CON-FOUND IT!
?!
Oh, NO!
Oh, YEAH!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
CLICK
-koff-koff-
SCRAAAPE!
SQUAD LEADER BRENTEN ?!
WHERE'D HE COME FROM ?!
I ARRESTED HIM! ME!
I DID IT!
YA HA HA HA

ssshhhhhsss

BO
BONAPARTE

YAARG
YOU GLORY HOG!
THUD
GET HIM!


GEE - DUNNO IF I SHOULD BE HAPPY OR NOT AT LEAST I CAN GET A DATE NOW.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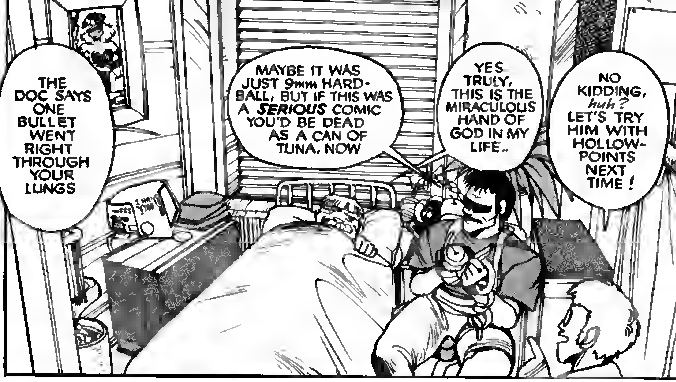
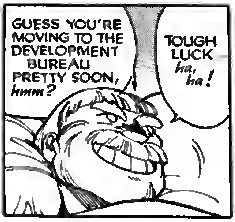
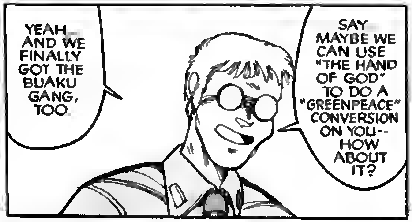
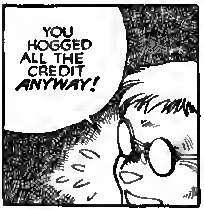
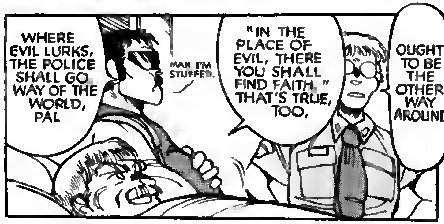

THE DOC SAYS ONE BULLET WENT RIGHT THROUGH YOUR LUNGS
MAYBE IT WAS JUST 9mm HARD-BALL, BUT IF THIS WAS A SERIOUS COMIC YOU'D BE DEAD AS A CAN OF TUNA, NOW
YES. TRULY, THIS IS THE MIRACULOUS HAND OF GOD IN MY LIFE..
NO KIDDING, huh? LET'S TRY HIM WITH HOLLOW-POINTS NEXT TIME!


GUESS YOU'RE MOVING TO THE DEVELOPMENT BUREAU PRETTY SOON, hmm?
TOUGH LUCK ha, ha!


YEAH... AND WE FINALLY GOT THE BUAKU GANG, TOO.
SAY MAYBE WE CAN USE "THE HAND OF GOD" TO DO A "GREENPEACE" CONVERSION ON YOU-- HOW ABOUT IT?

PURE LUCK WE GOT BUAKU, ACTUALLY--
HEY MY APPLES!
HE WASN'T WEARING A MASK, SO WHEN HE OPENED THE AIRLOCK DOOR HE GOT A GOOD LUNGFUL OF OUTSIDE AIR BOOM, DOWN FOR THE COUNT
mnch mnch


YOU HOGGED ALL THE CREDIT ANYWAY!


WHERE EVIL LURKS, THE POLICE SHALL GO WAY OF THE WORLD, PAL
HAH I'M STUFFED.
"IN THE PLACE OF EVIL, THERE YOU SHALL FIND FAITH." THAT'S TRUE, TOO.
OUGHT TO BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND

EXCUSE ME... TWO MEN FROM INTERNAL SECURITY ARE HERE TO SEE YOU, SIR. THEY'D LIKE TO MEET YOU IN PRIVATE...
YEAH, YEAH. FIGURES. IT'S THE SECOND TIME AFTER ALL...
WE'LL COME BACK TOMORROW AND BUG YOU AGAIN.
SQUAD LEADER BRENTEN!
DID I *REALLY* SCREW UP...?
YOU DID *TWO* THINGS WRONG. FIRST, YOU WEREN'T WEARING BODY ARMOR. SECOND, YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING HOOKY FROM THE FIRING RANGE.
THAT'S ALL I SEE, YOU.
THANKS...
THANKS, BRENTEN...
YEAH, LEONA'S STILL MOPING ABOUT IT...
CALLING ALL CARS. -klik-
CHRIST. NOW WHAT?

HUH?
STAND BY FOR AN IMPORTANT BULLETIN.
POLICE
SKREEE
WHAT!!
GET ON THE HORN TO MO!
RRIINNGG
RRIINNGG
takka takka
tak tak
vreeee vreeee
BAM! BAM!
AFTER ALL, POWER IS POWER! YOU ONLY NEED IT WHEN YOU NEED IT!
NYAHA HAHA!
STOP MOPING, GIRL!
HEE HEE HEE!
AW, IT'S NOT THAT OH'ER
BAM!
HNK
LEONA! QUICK! IT'S AN EMERGENCY MEETING-- WE NEED YOU!
?

THE WHOLE BUAKU GANG BROKE OUT OF THE HOSPITAL!
INVESTIGATIONS HAS SEALED OFF THE WHOLE CITY AND THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR THEM RIGHT NOW. BUT IF THEY CAN'T FIND THEM WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS...

THEY'RE GOING TO REINSTATE THE TANK POLICE AS AN INDEPENDENT STRIKE FORCE!
POLICE
IF YOU'VE GOT ANY IMPROVEMENTS TO SUGGEST BEFORE THEY ASSEMBLE YOUR NEW BONAPARTE, YOU'VE GOT TEN MINUTES TO GET--

ALL RIGHT, MEN, LET'S REALLY TAKE THEM TO THE CLEANERS NEXT TIME!
HURRAH!
I WANT MORE GUNS!
I WANT A BIGGER MIRROR!
I WANT MORE LIGHT...!

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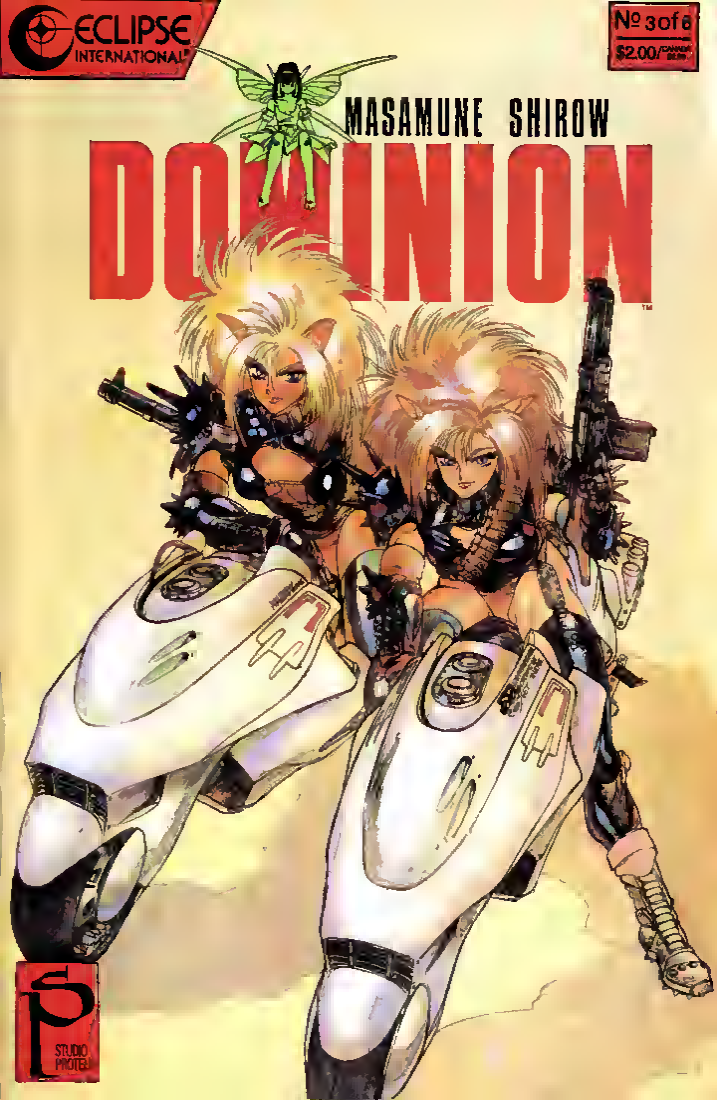

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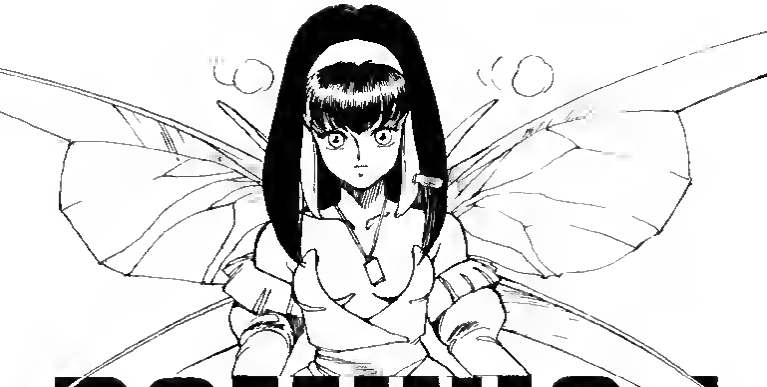

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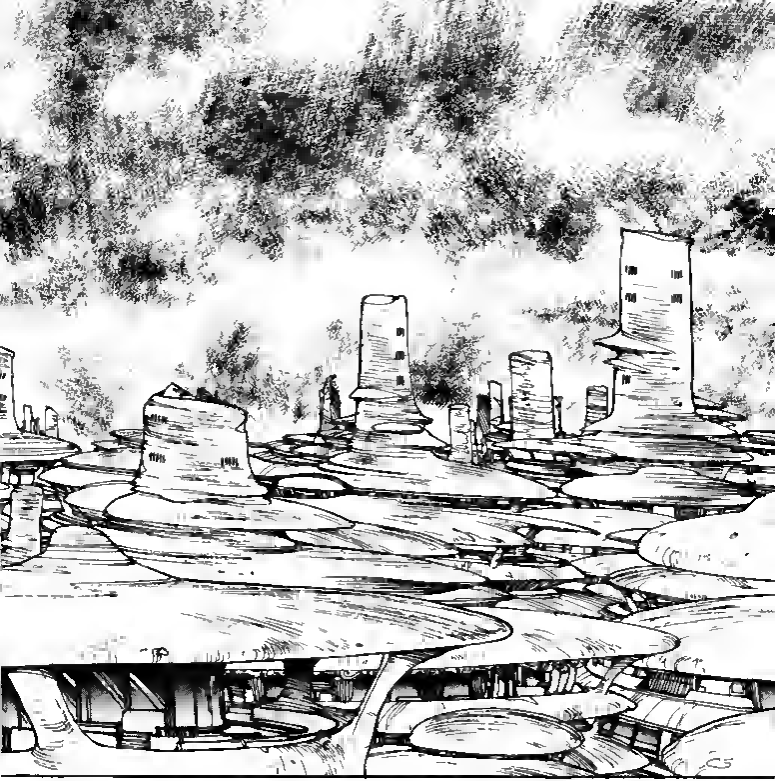
TODAY'S WEATHER REPORT INDICATES PARTICULARLY DENSE BACTERIA CLOUDS..
POLICE
SO BE SURE TO DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR MASK FILTER BEFORE GOING ON OUTSIDE DUTY!
ZZZ
WANTED
WE ANTICIPATE A HIGHER INCIDENCE OF CRIME IN THOSE AREAS THAT HAVE REDUCED VISIBILITY
H.I.T. HIBERNATION TORY
POLICE
WE HAVE WINDSINKS REPORTED IN EIGHT LOCATIONS.. WE'LL BE REINFORCING OUR PATROLS IN THOSE DISTRICTS.
IT'S PRETTY COLD OUT THERE, FOLKS, SO *HUSTLE* AND WORK UP A SWEAT!
BUY APPLE SEEDS, OWEN'S
AND PUMPKINS AND CYDER ?
Boo! Hiss!



WANT TO TRADE BEATS TODAY? I'M HOUSE-HUNTING
DON'T FORGET WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT DISTRICTS THAT GET WIND-SINKS IN THEM FOR MORE THAN A WEEK OR SO-- IT THROWS THE BIO-CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL GROWTH OUT OF PHASE, AND LOWERS YOUR LAND VALUE
RRIINNGG
takka tak tak
MAN, YOU COULD DIE ON STAKE-OUT ON A DAY LIKE THIS!
SO JET OFF TO ACAPULCO OR HONOLULU, WHY DON'T YOU...?

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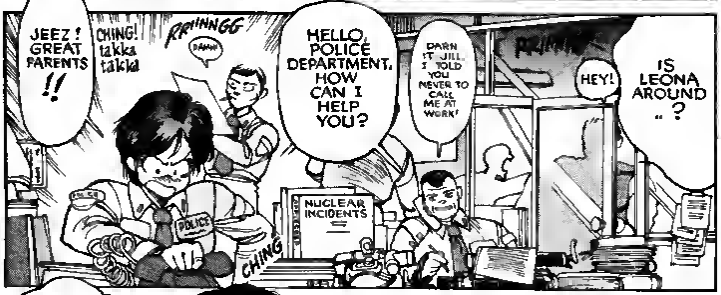
CHAPTER 2: CHOICE

WHERE'S INSPECTOR RENTEN ?
RRINNGG!
takka tak takkak
YOU MEAN THE SQUAD COMMANDER ? HE HASN'T BEEN AROUND HERE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.
HEY, REMEMBER THAT PICK-TICKET IN HAND TW-?
I IMAGINE HE'S INVESTIGATING THE THEFT OF THAT DESERT RE-FORESTATION PROJECT *SAND SUBMARINE*. ALL THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO THE BUAKU GANG...
THEY CALL THAT THING THE *IRON WORM*, RIGHT? WELL, THE DESERT'S SO HUGE WE'LL NEVER FIND THEM-- ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR IT TO COME ASHORE IN SOME CITY.

IDIOT!!
YOU EXPECT THE POLICE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR DAMN KIDS FOR YOU?!
RRIINNGG RRIINNGG RRIINNGG
takka takka
takka tak tak
WANTED
tak! tak tak! RRIINNGG
SHE'S MY WIFE, AIN'T SHE? WHAT I DO TO HER'S MY BUSINESS!
SINCE WHEN IS IT ALL RIGHT TO HAVE TWELVE WIVES? SHUT UP AND WALK!



TELL HER I'M ALL OUT OF "WASTIES"!!.. HAVE HER REQUISITION SOME MORE!
BRENTEN!! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS?! WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING ALL--
WORKIN' DAY AND NIGHT, MAN OF GOD... PUT A SOCK IN IT, WILLYA?
BRZZZ
POLICE

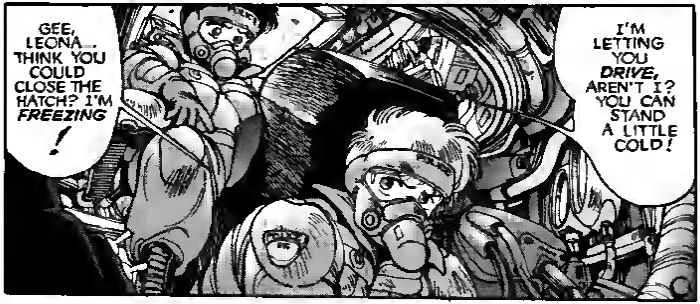
*NICKNAME FOR A TYPE OF CANNON ROUND.

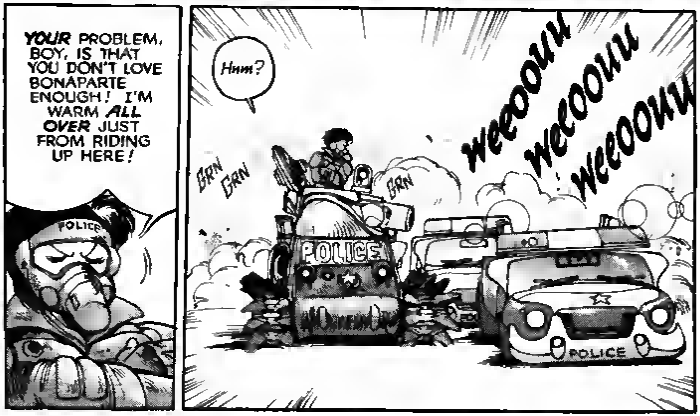
FOUND A WHOLE DUMP OF 10mm AMMO ROTTING AWAY IN A HIDDEN CORNER OF THE FIRING RANGE
TH' LITTLE BUGGERS SAID THEY'D HAUNT ME IN MY SLEEP IF I DIDN'T SHOOT THEM ALL RIGHT AWAY.. MISSION FROM GOD, eh? HAW HAW HAW!
YOU MUST BE SLEEPY!! HERE! LET ME GRIND SOME PEPPER INTO YOUR EYES !! NYAHAHA!!
CH-CHIEF! HOLD IT! STOP !!
YEEOW!
I THOUGHT THE SAYING WAS "TO WAKE UP, PUT PEPPER IN YOUR SHOES"..
THE CHIEF SURE IS BOUNCY TODAY.. DOESN'T THE COLD WEATHER GET TO HIM..?
DID YOU SEE BRENTEN'S EYES TODAY?
HEY THAT'S MY HEATER!
THEY'RE BURNING... LIKE HE'S POSSESSED OR SOME-THING!
THIS MORNING I REPLACED HIS OIL WITH A LIGHTER WEIGHT, SO HE'S ALL SET FOR WINTER!
BRRR!!NNNGGGGGGG
IT'S PATROL TIME!!
Huh? WE'VE STILL GOT TWENTY MINUTES, DON'T WE..?
WHAT?! WE'VE GOT TO WARM UP BONA-PARTE!
SO GET GOING!
POLICE

SKREEEEK
TANK POLICE
GN
GN
Ah, THIS SEXY SOUND! THIS THROATY ROAR!
HEH HEH HEH
VRMM
GRNN
VRMM
GRNN
VRMM
GRNN
VRMM

VRMMM
VRMM
VRMM
VRMM
POLICE
VWROOOM!
HEE HEE! HE'S BETTER THAN EVER!
FWMP
WHAT THE HELL?! DAMN YOU!! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, YOU CRAZY #%!$#!
GET!
I WON'T FORGET THIS!!
HEY, YOU ZERE!
VE CAN MAYBE HELP YOU, OKAY?

PROTEUS
GRN GRN GRN
POLICE

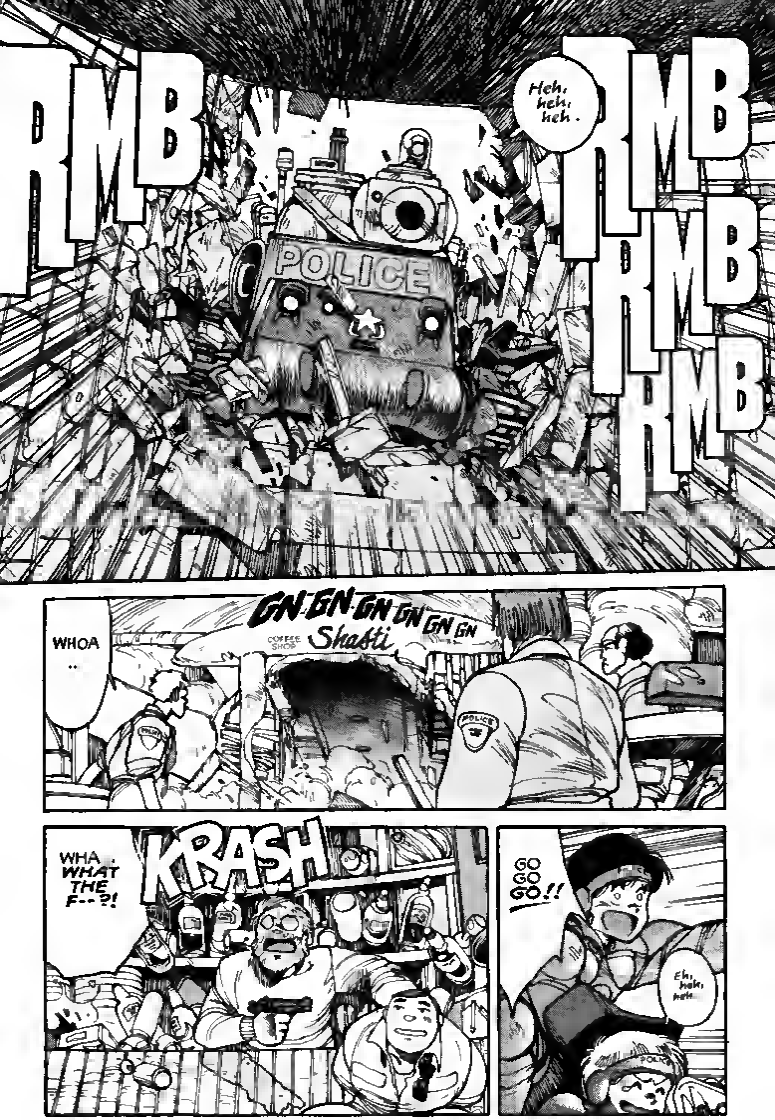

GEE, LEONA... THINK YOU COULD CLOSE THE HATCH? I'M FREEZING!
I'M LETTING YOU DRIVE, AREN'T I? YOU CAN STAND A LITTLE COLD!


YOUR PROBLEM, BOY, IS THAT YOU DON'T LOVE BONAPARTE ENOUGH! I'M WARM ALL OVER JUST FROM RIDING UP HERE!
POLICE
Hmm?
GRN GRN
GRN
WEEOOWW
WEEOOWW
WEEOOWW
POLICE
POLICE

HEY! YOU THERE!
YEEK!
WE'VE GOT A RADIO, YOU KNOW!
SO CALL THEM UP, ALREADY!
HEY, SHE'S STILL FOLLOWING US!
THE CHIEF SAID NOT TO TELL THE TANK JOCKS ANYTHING.
TANK? WHAT TANK? I SEE NO TANK!
THEY'RE SAYING IT'S NOTHING!
I BET! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS SCAN OF THE INSIDE OF THEIR TRUNK-- TRAFFIC BARRICADES AND RIFLES!
THEY'RE HEADING WEST-- THEY'LL LEAVE THE WHOLE EAST END UNPROTECTED! WITH ALL THE MEDIA COVERAGE THESE DAYS, THE CROOKS WON'T TAKE LONG TO CATCH ON TO THAT.
AL TUNE INTO THE TV NEWS SIDEBAND!
POLL
WEEOOWU
WEEOOWU
SCREEE
HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED HIM, YET?
ALL RIGHT! IT'S ON!
POLICE
GRNN
GRNN

KSHHH
WEEOOW
POLICE
OK!
FORGET IT! HE WON'T TALK TO OUR NEGOTIATOR!
KRANG
Huh? REPEAT!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT... WHAT? THE HOSTAGE'S FAMILY...? SWAT?
GOT IT
IT'S AN UNDER-GROUND COFFEE SHOP, JUST ONE ENTRANCE, REAL NARROW
ACCORDING TO THE OWNER, IT'S GOT PERFECT DRAINAGE, SO WE CAN'T FLOOD HIM OUT. NO, NO, THAT'S NO GOOD, SIR.
WE ALREADY LOST ONE DOG ON THE STAIRWAY, AND NOW THE OTHERS ARE TOO SPOOKED TO GO IN...
I THINK WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO GIVE HIM WHAT HE WANTS, CAPTAIN!
WEEOOW
IF YOU COME OUT PEACEFULLY, WE WON'T -
LOOKS LIKE SOME MIDDLE-AGED GUY'S GOT A WAITER HOSTAGE.
HE ARMED ?
JUST A BERETTA 360 AUTO-MATIC, I HEAR...
WOULDN'T EVEN SCRATCH BONA-PARTE'S ARMOR
WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE ?

HEY, INSPECTOR! GOT A REAL SITUATION HERE, huh?
GRNN
GRNN GRNN
POLICE
Huh?
Uh, oh
KANG
HEY! WHAT THE HELL ARE--
CHARGE!
VRRNNMMMMMM
KRASSH
Midnight +1
BAR AND LOUNGE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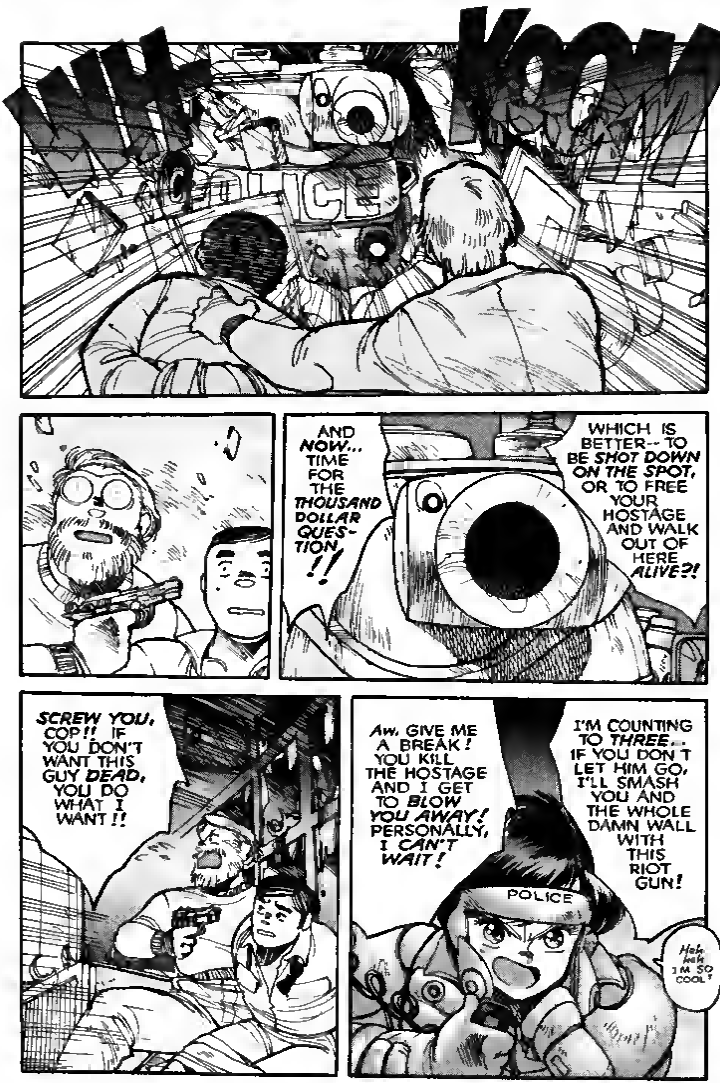
RMB
Heh, heh, heh.
POLICE
GN GN GN GN GN GN
COFFEE SHOP
Shasti
WHOA ..
POLICE
KRASH
WHA.. WHAT THE F--?!
GO GO GO!!
Eh, hah, heh.
POLICE

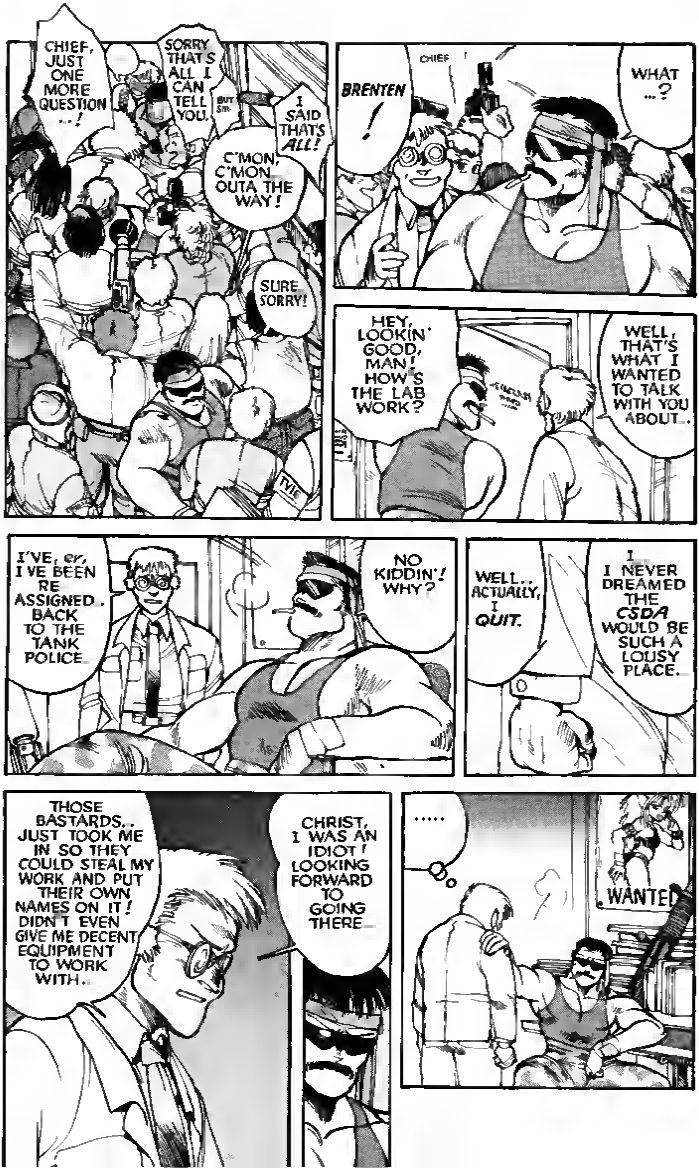

KOOW
POLICE
AND NOW... TIME FOR THE THOUSAND DOLLAR QUESTION!!
WHICH IS BETTER-- TO BE SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT, OR TO FREE YOUR HOSTAGE AND WALK OUT OF HERE ALIVE?!
SCREW YOU, COP!! IF YOU DON'T WANT THIS GUY DEAD, YOU DO WHAT I WANT!!
Aw, GIVE ME A BREAK! YOU KILL THE HOSTAGE AND I GET TO BLOW YOU AWAY! PERSONALLY, I CAN'T WAIT!
I'M COUNTING TO THREE... IF YOU DON'T LET HIM GO, I'LL SMASH YOU AND THE WHOLE DAMN WALL WITH THIS RIOT GUN!
POLICE
Hah hah I'M SO COOL!

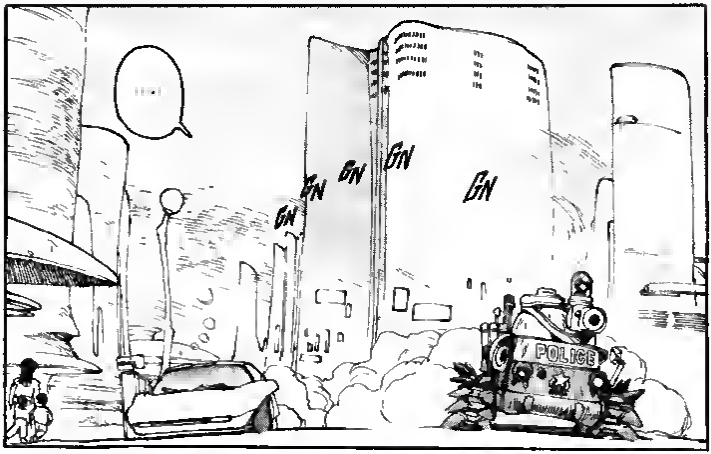
DON'T GIMME THAT! YOU'D NEVER--
ONE!!
YOU KNOW HOW IT WORKS... THE COPS WILL TAKE A LITTLE HEAT BUT WE'LL BE LET OFF THE HOOK
BUT WHEN DO YOU GET A SECOND LIFE..? TWO!!
POLI
SHE'S NUTS!
I MEAN IT!! NOW HURRY UP!
BAM
GRRAH!
BAM
W-WAIT!! DON'T SHOOT! WAIT!
SKRASH
GET UNDER THE TANK!
KROOOM
POLI

SKRSHOOM
SKREECH
POLICE
AAAHHH!
SLAM
.....
ARSH
SKRASH
POLICE
THROW DOWN YOUR GUN! HANDS IN THE AIR!
ULK!

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. ANYTHING YOU SAY MAY BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A COURT OF LAW.
Uh, oh... THE CHIEF!
:gulp!:
Ehek, heh... WE-- WE WERE ON PATROL, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE ENCOUNTERED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY... heh... AND ABOUT THAT DAMAGE--
RIGHT.
WELL DONE, YOU TWO.
WHOOOW WHOOOW WHOOOW WHOOOW
OIK?
CHIEF, ABOUT THIS LATEST INCI-DENT--
LATER!
WE'LL MAKE A FORMAL STATE-MENT AT HEAD-QUARTERS.
THESE MARKINGS ARE FROM A REPLICA GUN MANUFACTURER... ANOTHER REBUILT REPLIGUN? IT'S THE SAME MODEL AS THAT LAST ONE WE CONFISCATED A WHILE BACK, REMEMBER? I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT GUY'S A PRO..
HE WASN'T... HE WAS DEMANDING THAT WE EXECUTE SOME MASS MURDERER WHO WAS PAROLED TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL. I HEARD HIM SAY SOME-THING ABOUT HIS FAMILY.
LET'S GO, AL
THANK GOD!
YOU'RE OKAY!
POLICE
POLICE

BAM
THAT BASTARD KILLED MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER!! GDDDAMN IT!
YOU CALL THIS JUSTICE ?!
POLICE
KRHNNGG
tak tak
SOME-BODY HELP US!
takka tak
QUICK! CALL A LAWYER!
DO THE TANK POLICE HAVE ANY COMMENTS TO MAKE ABOUT THIS ARREST?
CONVERTED REPLI-GUNS ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE REAL THING, FOLKS! THIS HERE'S A PEACEFUL COUNTRY-- YOU GO AROUND ACTIN' LIKE A GANGSTER AND YOU'LL GET BLOWN AWAY, YOU PINHEADS! 'NUFF SAID!
takka takka RRHNNG
I I SEE!
THAT BASTARD'S INHUMAN!! HE SHOULD HAVE GOT THE DEATH SENTENCE, BUT YOU SCUM LET HIM--
DON'T TALK SO MUCH, GUY --I'LL HURT YOU IN COURT
C'MON, COOL IT, OKAY?
KRANGG
IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, YOU SHOULD'VE JUST BRIBED ANOTHER CON TO SLIP SOME POISON INTO HIS FOOD
TOUGH SHIT FOR THAT GUY, huh? FIGURE EVEN LEONA DOESN'T FEEL TOO GOOD ABOUT THIS ONE.
HEY CHUCK GOT A MATCH?
HUH! YOU THINK THAT'S GONNA BOTHER THAT LITTLE AIR-HEAD?
DON'T LIGHT UP NEAR THE AMMO, OKAY?
HER BEIN' JAPANESE, TOO KINDA SURPRISING SHE WENT OUT ON HER OWN THAT WAY. THEY'RE BIG ON GOIN' WITH THE FLOW TOUGH KID, THOUGH. WENT RIGHT BACK OUT
MANGER
AAAH-
GLOOM
BRN
EGRN
BRN
YEOW!
JEEZ, LEONA.. SCARE ME TO DEATH!


CHIEF, JUST ONE MORE QUESTION...!
SORRY THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU.
BUT SIR.
I SAID THAT'S ALL!
C'MON, C'MON, OUTA THE WAY!
SURE, SORRY!
THE
CHIEF
BRENTEN!
WHAT...?
HEY, LOOKIN' GOOD, MAN! HOW'S THE LAB WORK?
WELL, THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT...
I'VE, er, I'VE BEEN RE ASSIGNED. BACK TO THE TANK POLICE.
NO KIDDIN'! WHY?
WELL... ACTUALLY, I QUIT.
I NEVER DREAMED THE CSDA WOULD BE SUCH A LOUSY PLACE.
THOSE BASTARDS... JUST TOOK ME IN SO THEY COULD STEAL MY WORK AND PUT THEIR OWN NAMES ON IT! DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME DECENT EQUIPMENT TO WORK WITH...
CHRIST, I WAS AN IDIOT! LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING THERE...
.....
WANTED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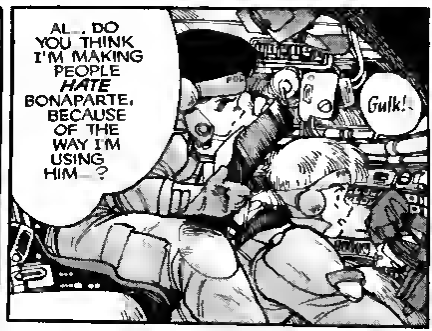
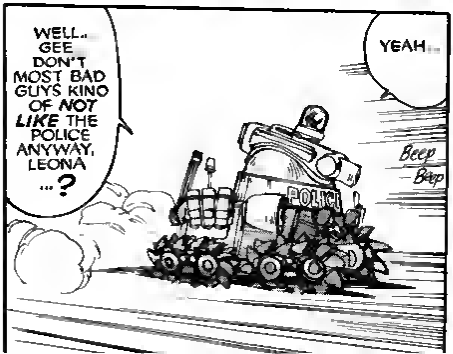
POLICE

HEY, AL... THAT GUY WE GOT YOU FIGURE HE'S GOT MORE KIDS?
DUNNO...


AL... DO YOU THINK I'M MAKING PEOPLE HATE BONAPARTE, BECAUSE OF THE WAY I'M USING HIM...?
Gulk!


WELL.. GEE DON'T MOST BAD GUYS KIND OF NOT LIKE THE POLICE ANYWAY, LEONA ...?
YEAH...
Beep Beep
POLICE

PATROL TANK T-1 HERE
ARMED VEHICLES HEADING DOWN RICHMOND ROAD, ENROUTE FROM WESTGATE TO CHINOOK! ALL CARS, INTERCEPT!

T-1, ROGER !
AL ! WHERE ARE WE NOW ?!
PASS ING THE MALL !
FULL SPEED AHEAD !
POLICE
POLICE
weeoom
weeoom
weeoom
weeoom
VRUM
VRUM
weeoom
weeoom
weeoom
weeoom
VRUM
Ямадзима
BKOOM
POLICE
POLICE

VAAH!
POLICE
VROOM
VRMMM
VRTTT
!!

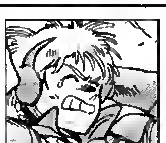
SKREEEEE
SMASH
VRMMM
POLICE
BAM
BKOOM
BKOOM
DAMN!
VRMMM
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE
WHAM
POLICE
POLICE
OFFICER CARELESS

SSSSHH
KRAK
KRACK
WHOOP
POLICE
AL! YOU OKAY?!
HNNG!
IT'S THE DAMNED BUAKU GANG!
YA! HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
UHM.
WE'RE ANNAPUMA AN' UNIPUMA, BUAKU'S BITCHIN' BABES!
YOU LOSE, TANK POLICE!
AH HA HA HA
SEE YA!
VRUM!
DAMN!
POLICE
KLIK KLIK KLIK KLIK
HA HA
DAMN!
RMMMMM
POLICE
KLIK KLIK
DAMN IT ALL!!
MMMM
BAM!
POLICE

HEY, AL! WHAT'S WITH THE BANDAGE?
takka tak PRIIINGG tak tak
PROOF THAT HEADS BREAK BEFORE THE LAWS OF PHYSICS DO!
HELLO, PALACE. PERMIT-MENT.
Whew.. I FEEL DEAD...
I COULD JUST SCREAM..
HEY, LEONA.. A GUY CAME BY AND LEFT YOU THAT!
PROBABLY A TIME BOMB OR SOMETHING I CAN'T STAND IT ANY-MORE.
HMM?
IT'S FROM THAT WAITER! THE GUY WHO WAS A HOSTAGE!
We'll never forget your bravery and what you did, not for the rest of our lives
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts...
WOW. THAT MAKES IT ALL WORTH IT!
YEAH.
TO BE CONTINUED..

DOMINION *Personae*

▲The entirely gung-ho ace of the Tank Police, obsessively proud and protective of Bonaparte—her tank.



▲Leona's easy-going, by-the-book, long-suffering partner, pilot of Bonaparte.

▲The hard-boiled Tank Police Squad Leader who rides Leona—his ace and chief rival—mercilessly

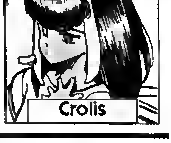
▲Mischievous "Super Criminal" the Tank Police was formed to capture

▼Fearless, frustrated Tank Police Commander

▼The TP's resident scientific expert—just accepted by the Critical Science Development Agency

▼Transferred to the TP after taking pity on a hood and letting him go—only to have him shoot his partner!

▼A mysterious humanoid with the power to cleanse the air around her



THUS FAR...

• **Dominion 1 of 6.** Terra: a future in which the air is so foul citizens must wear oxygen masks to walk outside. Nonetheless, combustible-engine vehicles are still used—most notably by the **Tank Police**, a special force organized specifically for pursuit of **Buaku**, a mischievous "super criminal." TP officers **Leona** and **Al** spot Buaku near a residential area and, with the "assistance" of Squad Leader **Brenten**, obliterate many homes only to find their quarry a robot decoy (with fake booty) equipped to taunt them: "Suckers!!" A riot ensues. Back at TP HQ, the **Chief** is enraged that Buaku has escaped yet again, and that 170 pounds of public complaint (including letter bombs) have flooded the office. That night the TP raids one of Buaku's hideouts, finding it empty but for some gold coins, high-tech maintenance equipment, and incredibly pure air!? In a back room, they find an apparently catatonic, green-skinned, winged "girl," to whom an agent of the **Critical Science Development Agency** claims custody. Brenten wards off the CSDA agent, giving **Lovelock** time to examine the being (**Crolis**, codenamed **"Greenpeace"**) and find that she is literally "a living air cleaner." While Lovelock ponders her purpose, word comes that she is to be turned over next morning to the CSDA.

• **Dominion 2 of 6.** Leona, Al, and Crolis, wake to find TP HQ visited by angry representatives of **C**itizens **A**gainst **D**estructive **P**olice who insist the TP adopt their **T4-F** tank to assure public safety. Leona inspects a prototype and falls asleep inside a powered armor suit. But the tank is occupied by Buaku and his henchmen, who proceed to quietly invade TP HQ for ammunition, weapons—and Crolis! **Chaplain** is shot when he discovers Buaku's crony **Unipuma** roaming the halls, and the racket alerts the rest of the force. Chaos ensues, but Buaku makes good his escape in the T4-F—with Leona still asleep on board!—and begins a bank heist spree. Buaku soon finds Leona and incarcerates her, but not before revealing the **"Greenpeace Plan"** to turn every human into a Crolis rather than clearing the air through industrial common sense. Leona jumps ship, but without Crolis, right onto her own tank. A desperate battle culminates in Leona and Al sacrificing **Bonaparte** to thrust Buaku into Brenten's arresting hands. Victory at last—but it can only mean the TP's end. Back at HQ, Leona broods on her fate—and that of her beloved tank—when Al bounds in: the Buaku gang has escaped! The TP isn't through yet!

THE MINI TANK!

by SHIROW MASAMUNE
(ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BY TOREN SMITH)

TANK POLICE
THEY MUST HAVE PRETTY BAD ROADS AROUND HERE... LOOKS LIKE IT HAS LEGS INSTEAD OF TREADS!
THE MAIN GUN IS APPARENTLY SOME FORM OF NON-LETHAL WEAPON. COULD BE USED TO FIRE GAS CANISTERS, FIRE EXTINGUISHING ROUNDS, RUBBER BULLETS, DOOR-SMASHERS, ETC. OR REAL GRENADES, I SUPPOSE

Around the world, most people associate tanks with the military. However, a vast range of police tanks are employed in Europe, Africa, Asia and Central and South America. Even the famous Texas Rangers use armored cars. I'm sure many readers have seen television footage of the armored car (SWAT equipment) being used against protesting crowds in South Africa, the land of apartheid. When police arm themselves with such heavy weaponry, they usually plan to use it against the masses. Its very appearance conjures images of civil unrest and political instability. I've seen shots of tanks crashing into an embassy to drive out terrorists, but, to be frank, it struck me as a pretty reckless thing to do.

Seen from that perspective, the world of *Dominion* must seem an unsettling place, one where people live side-by-side with the fear of sudden death—world much like Europe in the days of the Black Plague. In such dark days, one can turn for hope only to the people themselves, warped by the age they live in, to be sure, but still trying desperately to live their lives to the fullest. No, on second thought, maybe there's no hope even there. When you think about it, anyone who can walk around with a smile on their face in a place like that must be a little strange upstairs.

—MASAMUNE SHIROW

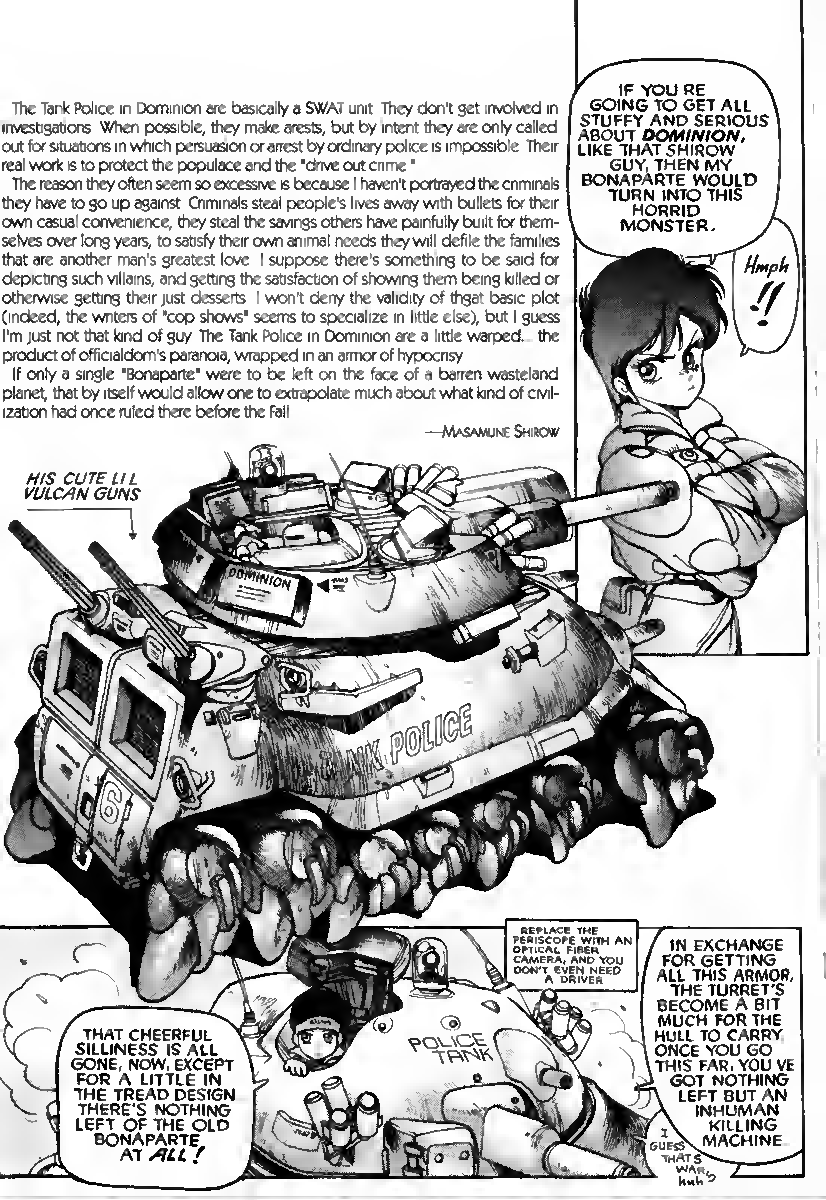
IN A WORLD LIKE MINE, WE ALWAYS HAVE POLITICAL AGITATORS AND FANATICS STIRRING UP TROUBLE
THERE'S BEEN A RECENT INCREASE IN NIHILISTS OUT FOR A GOOD TIME AND "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" LOOKING FOR A QUICK VICTORY. BAD NEWS, huh?

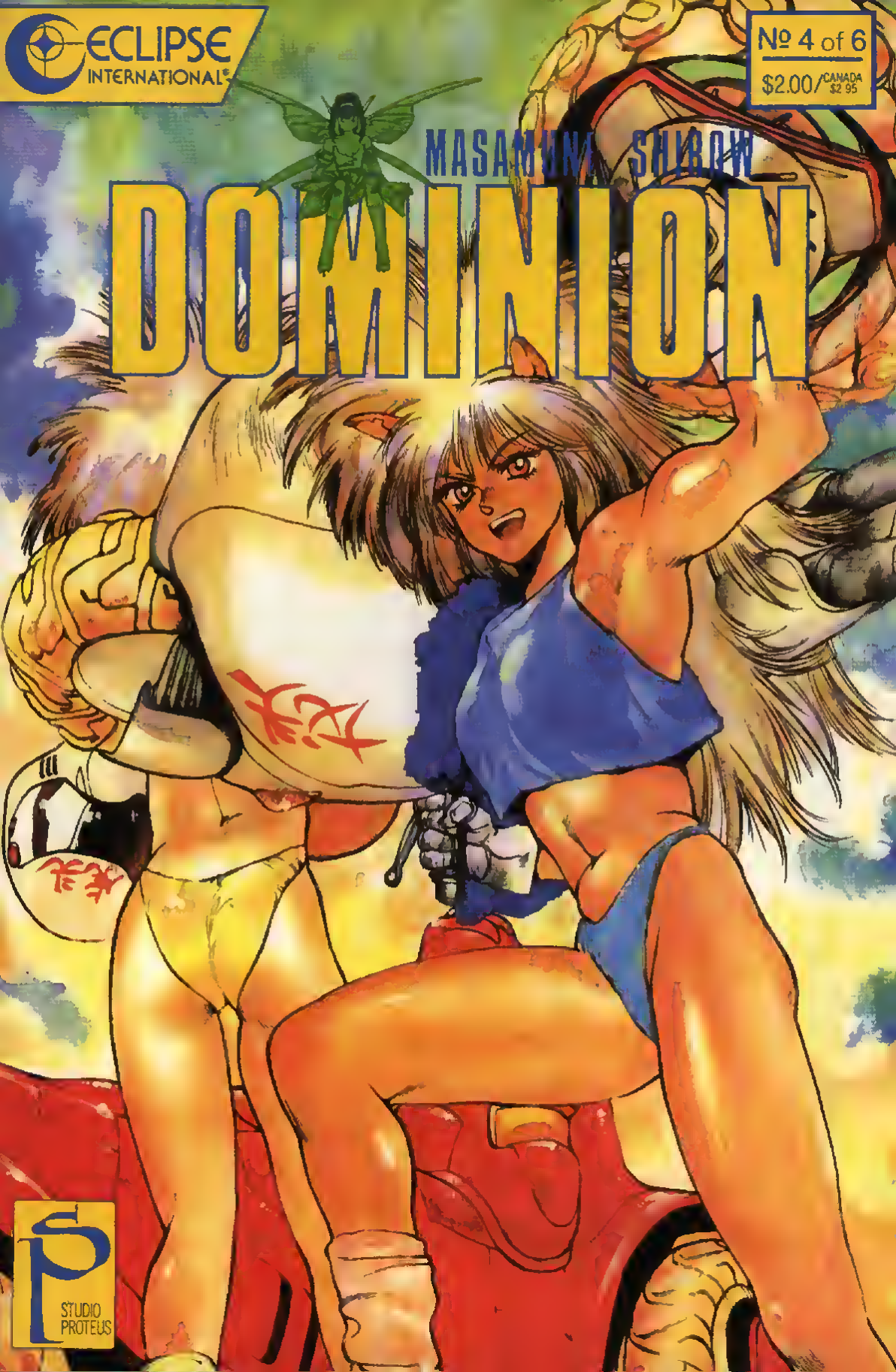
The Tank Police in Dominion are basically a SWAT unit. They don't get involved in investigations. When possible, they make arrests, but by intent they are only called out for situations in which persuasion or arrest by ordinary police is impossible. Their real work is to protect the populace and the "drive out crime."

The reason they often seem so excessive is because I haven't portrayed the criminals they have to go up against. Criminals steal people's lives away with bullets for their own casual convenience, they steal the savings others have painfully built for themselves over long years, to satisfy their own animal needs they will defile the families that are another man's greatest love. I suppose there's something to be said for depicting such villains, and getting the satisfaction of showing them being killed or otherwise getting their just desserts. I won't deny the validity of that basic plot (indeed, the writers of "cop shows" seems to specialize in little else), but I guess I'm just not that kind of guy. The Tank Police in Dominion are a little warped... the product of officialdom's paranoia, wrapped in an armor of hypocrisy.

If only a single "Bonaparte" were to be left on the face of a barren wasteland planet, that by itself would allow one to extrapolate much about what kind of civilization had once ruled there before the Fall.

—Masamune Shirow


IF YOU RE GOING TO GET ALL STUFFY AND SERIOUS ABOUT DOMINION, LIKE THAT SHIROW GUY, THEN MY BONAPARTE WOULD TURN INTO THIS HORRID MONSTER.
Hmph !!
HIS CUTE LIL VULCAN GUNS
DOMINION
TANK POLICE
REPLACE THE PERISCOPE WITH AN OPTICAL FIBER CAMERA, AND YOU DON'T EVEN NEED A DRIVER
IN EXCHANGE FOR GETTING ALL THIS ARMOR, THE TURRET'S BECOME A BIT MUCH FOR THE HULL TO CARRY. ONCE YOU GO THIS FAR, YOU VE GOT NOTHING LEFT BUT AN INHUMAN KILLING MACHINE.
I GUESS THAT'S WAR, huh?
POLICE TANK
THAT CHEERFUL SILLINESS IS ALL GONE, NOW. EXCEPT FOR A LITTLE IN THE TREAD DESIGN THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF THE OLD BONAPARTE AT ALL!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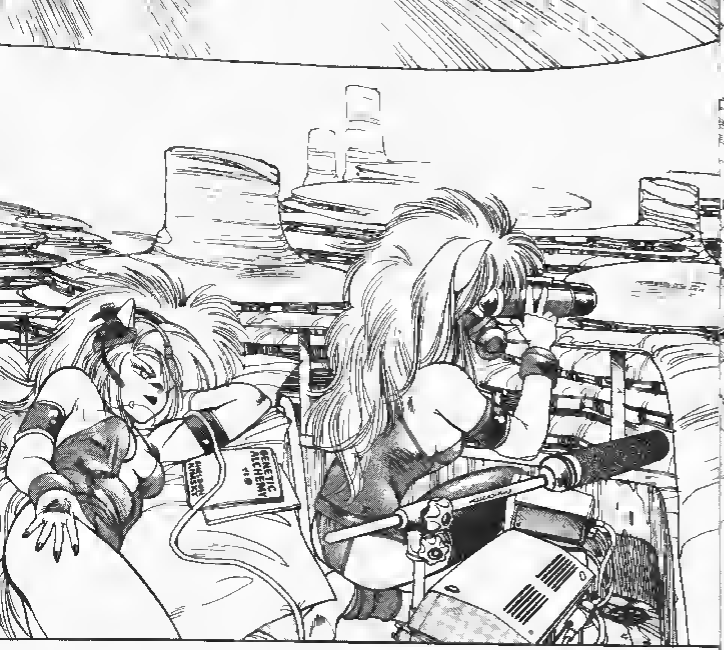
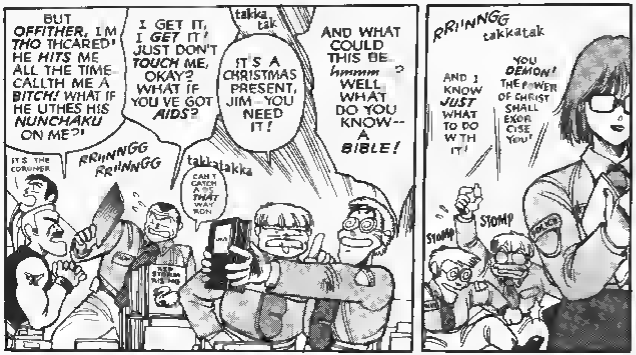
MASAMUNE SHIROW
DOMINION
STUDIO PROTEUS

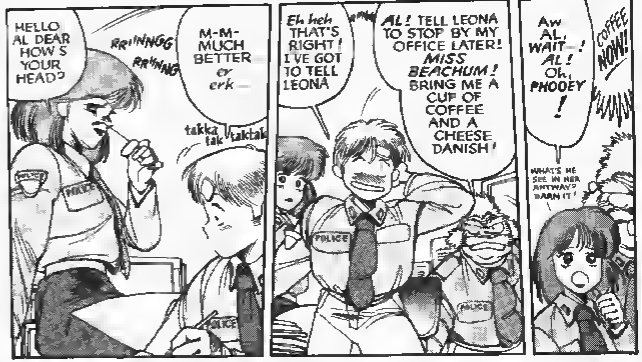
WE NEED TEN VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS DECOYS TODAY
POLICE
WE'VE GOT A NUT CASE OUT THERE-- MALE! ARMED WITH A SOCK ATTACKING OLD PEOPLE HE COMES ACROSS WHO'RE DRESSED IN RED WE'VE HAD EIGHT CASES THIS WEEK ALONE
SOME KINDA CHILDHOOD COMPLEX?
NEXT, THERE'S A DEMONSTRATION MARCH AND SIT-IN SCHEDULED IN THE SOUTHERN BLOCK, PROTESTING FACTORY PRIVITIZATIONS
THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WILL REPORT TO INSPECTOR BRENTEN TO ASSIST IN CROWD "REMOVAL".
CLAREMONT FORRESTER, WARNER, CLANCY, MEIER, WARREN
AW SHIT! WHY ME?!

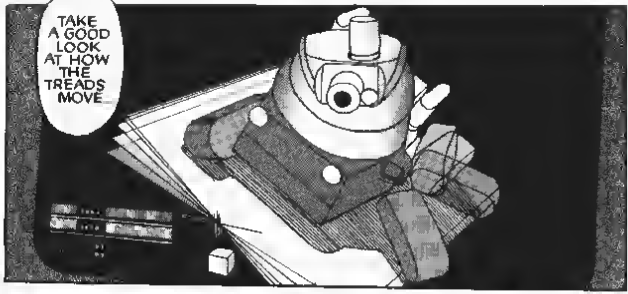
DOMINION

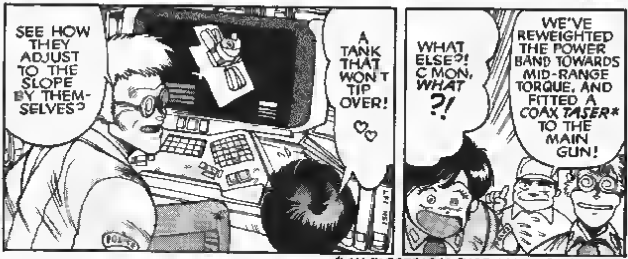
Chapter 3: Intervention




BUT OFFITHER, I'M THO THCARED! HE HITS ME ALL THE TIME CALLTH ME A BITCH! WHAT IF HE UTHES HIS NUNCHAKU ON ME?!
I GET IT, I GET IT! JUST DON'T TOUCH ME, OKAY? WHAT IF YOU'VE GOT AIDS?
takka tak
IT'S A CHRISTMAS PRESENT, JIM. YOU NEED IT!
AND WHAT COULD THIS BE, hmmm ? WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW-- A BIBLE!
IT'S THE CORONER
RRINNGG RRINNGG
takka-takka
CAN'T CATCH THAT WAY!
RRINNGG takkatak
AND I KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO WITH IT!
YOU DEMON! THE POWER OF CHRIST SHALL EXORCISE YOU!
STOMP
STOMP


HELLO AL DEAR HOW'S YOUR HEAD?
RRINNGG RRINNG
M-M-MUCH BETTER or erk—
takka tak taktak
Eh, heh THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE GOT TO TELL LEONA
AL! TELL LEONA TO STOP BY MY OFFICE LATER! MISS BEACHUM! BRING ME A CUP OF COFFEE AND A CHEESE DANISH!
Aw AL, WAIT--! AL! Oh, PHOOEY!
COFFEE NOW!
WHAT'S HE SEE IN HER ANYWAY? DAMN IT!




SEE HOW THEY ADJUST TO THE SLOPE BY THEM-SELVES?
A TANK THAT WON'T TIP OVER!
WHAT ELSE?! C'MON, WHAT?!
WE'VE REWEIGHTED THE POWER BAND TOWARDS MID-RANGE TORQUE, AND FITTED A COAX TASER* TO THE MAIN GUN!

*AN ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE STUN GUN

YOU CAN THROW HER THROUGH AN S-CURVE AT 60+ AND SHE STILL WOULDN'T ROLL!
NYAHAHAHA
AL! AL GET OVER HERE AND TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
POLICE
Uhmm HERE'S YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT YOU NEVER SHOWED UP AT THE PARTY YESTERDAY. SO...
I JUST WENT AND SHARED SOME WINE WITH BONAPARTE ACTUALLY, MY FAMILY IS ZEN BUDDHIST, BUT THANKS ANY-WAY!
CAN I OPEN IT NOW?
POLICE

I DIDN'T THINK YOU JAPANESE WERE VERY STRICT ABOUT RELIGION
WELL, MY GRANDPA'S REALLY STRICT-- IF HE FOUND OUT I'D BEEN CELEBRATING A CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL HE'D WHACK ME ONE WITH A WOODEN SWORD!
REALLY?!?
AN ECCENTRIC THERE
THAT'S PRETTY DIVERSE
NOT LIKE IT'S A REWARD OR ANY THING, BUT WANT TO GO FOR A DRIVE...?
I'M A SEALED, SELF-CONTAINED UNIT
IN HIM...?
heh heh
OH YEAH... I ALMOST FORGOT. THE CHIEF WANTED TO SEE YOU...
SORRY, I'M SELECTIVELY HARD OF HEARING.
HEE, HEE!
COME ON, LET'S GO!
TANK
ICE
TIME TO MAKE OUR MOVE
GRN
GRN
GRN

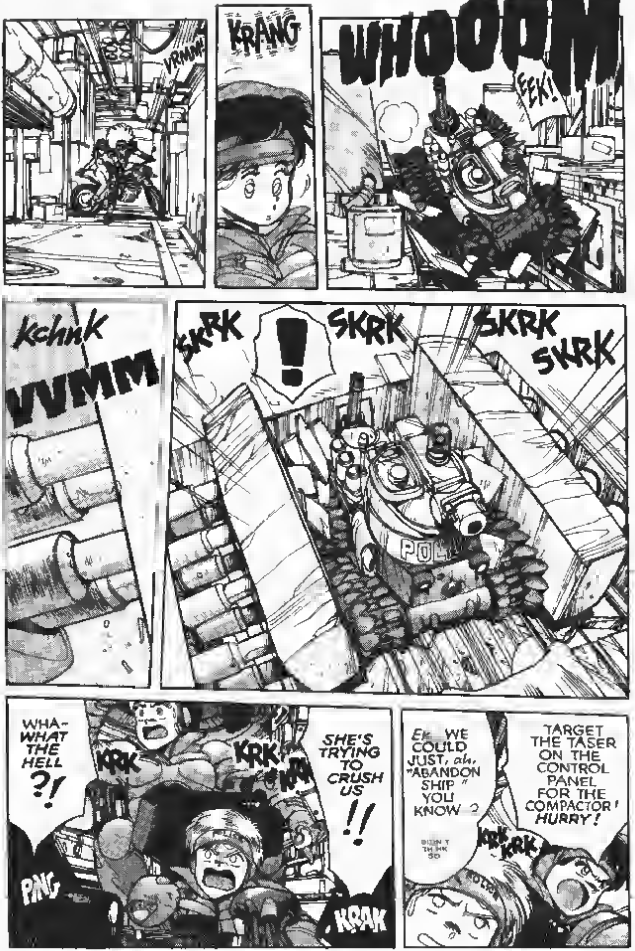
GRN GRN GRN
LOOK OUT!
GRN GRN GRN
POLICE
SKREEK!
KLANG
WATCH IT, YOU STUPID LITTLE BRAT!
?!
GRN GRN
NOW, JUST REMEMBER IT'S DANGEROUS TO RUN OUT INTO THE STREET, OKAY, HONEY PIE?
BYE BYE!
ALL RIGHT, KID-- BITCHIN' JOB!
OKAY ANY TIME YOU'RE READY. CAN YOU BELIEVE KIDS THESE DAYS, ANNA, DEAR?! THEY'LL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY!
ALL THOSE NEO-YUPPIE PARENTS, Y'KNOW JUST GRABBIN MONEY AND STUFF, LETTIN' THEIR KIDS RUN AROUND OUTTA CONTROL ME, I DON'T GIVE EM MONEY, JUST A SWAT WORKS AS WELL PUSH THE BUTTON. LOVE

LEONA ARE YOU SURE THOSE FLOWERS ARE SAFE?
OK. COME ON, AL.
..IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS AFGHANISTAN OR SOMETHING! I'LL HAVE THEM CHECKED OUT BACK AT THE STATION. THEN THEY'RE GOING TO GO ON MY DESK!
WELL, OKAY- LOTTA BAD KARMA IN THIS JOB...
Mmmm. THEY SMELL LOVELY!
GNN GNN
GNN GNN
SKREEK
GNN GNN
GEEZ... THOSE MORONS" LL NEVER GUESS THERE'S A MINI-JAMMER HIDDEN INSIDE THOSE FLOWERS! EVEN THOSE DUDES AT THE CSDA CAN'T GET EM THAT SMALL!
HERE WE GO...
..SO FOLD THOSE WINGS, DEARIE!
VRM VRM

WE'VE GOT A SPEEDING VEHICLE CLOSING FROM BEHIND!
THEY'RE GOING OVER A HUNDRED!
YOW!
GRN
GRN
GRN
GRN
POLICE
WHOOSH
IT'S ONE OF THE BUAKU GANG!!
AND SHE'S GOT GREEN-PEACE WITH HER!!
T-1 CALLING HEADQUARTERS, COME IN HQ— THIS IS T-1. HELLO? WHAT THE--? BROKEN?
THE HELL WITH IT! AFTER THEM!!
WE'VE GOT YOUR ASS THIS TIME, BABY!
WEEOOUU
WEEOOUU
VRRMM..RM
POLICE

GRN GRN GRN
POLICE
VRMMM
WEEOOUU WEEOOUU
POLICE
OH, GREAT!! SHE'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THAT DEMONSTRATION!
THE ONE BRENTEN WENT TO CLEAR OUT?!
OH, BOGUS! HOW CAN THEY CORNER SO FAST?!
WEEOOUU WEEOOUU
POLICE
!
GRRN GRRN GRRN
VRMMMM
WEEOOUU
WEEOOUU WEEOOUU
POLICE

EEEK!
SKREEEK!
VRMM
VRMM
SKKRRKKR'
SURRENDER! YOU WON'T GET AWAY LIKE LAST TIME!
HOW FAR DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GET WITH THAT TINY GAS TANK?!
GNN GNN GNN
POLICE
YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE!! WE'LL GET YOU IN THE END!


VRMMM
KRANG
WHOOOOM
EEK!
kchnk
VVMM
SKRK
!
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
WHA-WHAT THE HELL ?!
KRK
KRK
KRK
SHE'S TRYING TO CRUSH US !!
PING
KRAK
EK... WE COULD JUST, ah, "ABANDON SHIP" YOU KNOW ?
TARGET THE TASER ON THE CONTROL PANEL FOR THE COMPACTOR! HURRY!
KRK KRK

SPZZK
Pwee!!
THAT WAS A LOUSY TRICK...!
GRNN GRNN GRNN GRNN
C'MON!... UPSY-DAISY...
POLICE
VNNNN
! KRAANGG!

RRIINNGG
takkatakka
RRIINNGG
SHEE-IT!
RRIINNGG RRIINNGG
RRIINNGG
YOU WERE FIRIN' THE CORONER FOUND TRACES OF CRACK!
LOOK MA I'M THE POLICE ARE NOT BABY-SITTERS!
JUST 'CAUSE THEY'RE CIVILIANS, THEY THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH ANY THING!
WANT
COMMAND
I DON'T BELIEVE THOSE GUYS'VE GOT A SINGLE SANE THOUGHT IN THEIR GOD DAMN HEADS!
DID YOU HEAR SRY TRAGGEDY? GOT MARRIED? WONDERFUL!
RRIINNGG
MAN, YOU GUYS REALLY GOT HAMMERED!
"LOVE YOUR FELLOW MAN" THEY SAY! HAH!
"PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION" MY ASS! THEY DRAGGED IN BOXES OF ROCKS, CLUBS—YOU NAME IT! THAT BUNCHA THUGS PLANNED TO FIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING!
THE REASON THEY WEAR THOSE MASKS IS BECAUSE THEY'RE ASHAMED TO BE ACTING LIKE ANIMALS! WELL, IF THEY'RE ASHAMED, WHY THE HELL DO THEY DO IT?
RRIINNGG
HEY, YOU! FINISH REMINDING UP THOSE COMICS REVIEWERS?
LOOK, WHO GOT HERE SAYS THE SOCK KILLER!
takka tak tak
OWWW! THAT HURTS DO IT SOME MORE!
HE PACKS THAT DAMN SOCK WITH LEAD WEIGHTS!
RRIINNGG RRIINNGG
HEY, YOU GOT A SMOKE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR TWO YOUNGSTERS?
OUT TEST-DRIVING BONA PARTE II
NO MEMO? NO CALL-IN?
DON T ASK ME.
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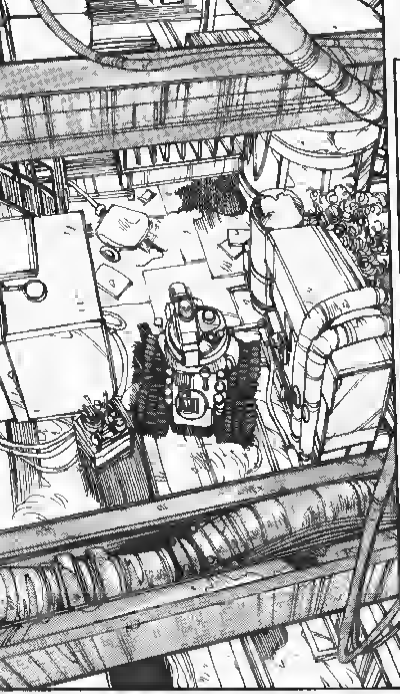
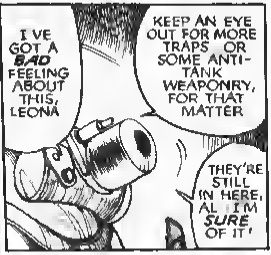


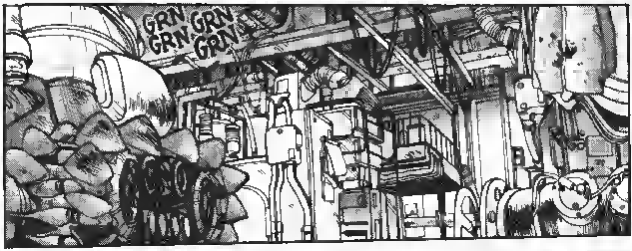

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, LEONA
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE TRAPS OR SOME ANTI-TANK WEAPONRY, FOR THAT MATTER
THEY'RE STILL IN HERE, AL I'M SURE OF IT!

I HAD A WEAK SOUND TRACE JUST-- hmm?
GRN GRN GRN GRN
HEY, LOOK AT THAT THERE!
POLICE

SNIFF SNIFF
huh huh huh
GLUH
HA HA

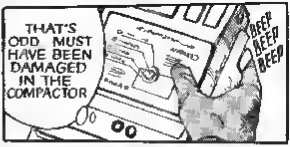
COKE-HEADS...? THIS ANOTHER TRAP, OR JUST A COINCIDENCE?
I'LL HIT THEM WITH A GLUE SHELL THAT'LL KEEP THEM THERE UNTIL WE CAN COME BACK
THEY'RE FRIED!
BEEP

GGG
AAA
HEE HEE
GRN GRN GRN


GRN GRN GRN GRN

AL DOES THE ENGINE SOUND OKAY TO YOU? RUN SOME DIAGNOSTICS AND SHUNT THEM TO MY MONITOR, WILL YOU?
POLICE

GREAT! MAKE SURE THEY CAN'T GET AROUND US IF THEY COME DOWN THIS HALL!
LEONA! I'VE GOT A FIX ON THEM! I BACK-TRACKED IT FROM THE ECHO OF THE MOTOR-CYCLE EXHAUST


THAT'S ODD MUST HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN THE COMPACTOR
BEEP BEEP BEEP

HUH?!
POL

AL !! THROTTLE BACK THE ENGINE! NOW!!
Huh?
GRN GRN
GRN GRN
GRNNNNN!!
WHAT'S UP ?!
WE'RE ABOUT TO OVER-HEAT— THE AIR FILTER'S TOTALLY CLOGGED!
THE BACTERIAL DENSITY OUTSIDE IS SHOOTING UP LIKE CRAZY!
THE FILTER BRUSH IS GOING FULL BLAST, BUT THE ENGINE'S STILL NOT GETTING ANY AIR!
POLICE
WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND HELP THOSE COKE-HEADS!
I'M NOT PICKING UP THEIR BREATHING ANYMORE LEONA!
REVERSE!
KEEP THE ENGINE REVS LOW!
GOT YOU!

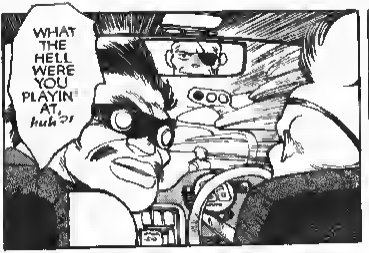
THIS ONE DIDN'T MAKE IT
GNN GNN GNN GNN
POLICE
MAYBE... IF I'D GOTTEN HERE A LITTLE QUICKER...
GNN GNN
GNN GNN
WELL, THEY COULDN'T EXACTLY GET UP AND WALK OUT OF HERE, COULD THEY?!
I... I'M SORRY, LEONA—I MEAN, EVEN BEFORE YOU HIT THEM WITH THE GLUE-SHELL, THEY WERE TOO STONED TO WALK IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
GNN
GNN
OH, NO!!
THE ENGINE SEIZED!
JESUS! NOW WE'RE SCREWED!!

WE CAN'T RESTART THE ENGINE UNTIL IT COOLS DOWN, AND THERE'S NO WAY OUR OXYGEN TANKS WILL LAST THAT LONG—
HOW ARE WE GOING TO BREAK DOWN THAT DOOR WITHOUT OUR MAIN GUN?
WE CAN'T— WE'LL HAVE TO PUT OXYGEN PACKS ON OUR THREE SURVIVORS HERE AND TRY TO GET OUT THROUGH A SKYLIGHT OR SOMETHING.
DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE, DO WE?
DAMN IT. IF THAT HAIRBALL BUAKU GIRL FINDS US, WE'LL BE SITTING DUCKS!
SHE WON'T
POLICE
HEY GET A LOAD OF THIS!
Oh, GREAT!!
Hff
Hff

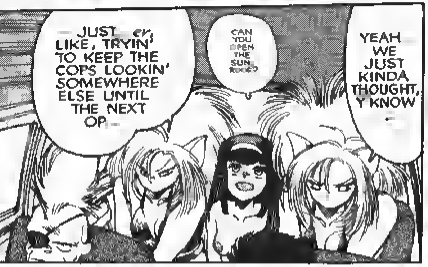
HAVING A GOOD LAUGH AT HOW WE IDIOTS WALKED RIGHT INTO THEIR TRAP!
THE REAL ONES MUST BE OUT IN CLEAN AIR SOME WHERE...
OBVIOUSLY, SOME-WHERE OUR SENSOR ARRAY WAS BLIND
WHEN DO YOU SUPPOSE SHE SWAPPED PLACES WITH THEM?
-hnhhhf!-
-hnhhhf!-
w'aaw!-
?
WH' WHAT'S WI' THESE OXYGEN TANKS SH' BE MORE INNIM...
AN' WH' ABOUT THOSE OTH'R GUYS...
AL ALMOS' TH'RE

WEEOOWU
WEEOOWU
WEEOOWU
YOU SURE THEY'RE STILL IN THE FACTORY?
THE TRACKS GO IN, SIR, BUT THEY DON'T COME OUT!
WEEOOWU
WEEOOWU
GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!!
OUT OF THE WAY, BOYS-- I'M TAKING OUT THAT DOOR!
VRMM
HEY!
VRMM
OH, NO YOU DON'T!!
WHSST
KRASHANGG
POLICE

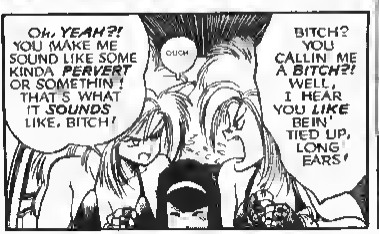
EVERY-ONE OUT OF THE WAY!
PLEASE, INSPECTOR! LET US RUN A FIBER-CAM IN BEHIND THE DOOR BEFORE YOU--
YOU STUPID AIRHEAD! I TOLD YOU SHOULDA STAYED PUT! NOW YOU GOT US CAUGHT!
HEY? ME?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO JUST HAD TO STAY AND WATCH! WE SHOULD'VE BEEN LONG GONE!
FIRE!
BVOOM!
GUESS I BETTER RUN THESE THREE DOWN-TOWN BEFORE THE RUSH, huh?
Huh? OH, YEAH SURE
WEEOOWH
WEEOOWH
POLICE
YOU DUMB BROADS!


WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU PLAYIN' AT, huh?!

BUAKU!!
AW, GEEZ, SIR, WE WERE JUST-


-JUST, eh, LIKE, TRYIN' TO KEEP THE COPS LOOKIN' SOMEWHERE ELSE UNTIL THE NEXT OP-
CAN YOU OPEN THE SUNROOF?
YEAH WE JUST KINDA THOUGHT, Y KNOW

I DIDN'T WANNA DO IT, BUT ANNA.. SHE WAS LIKE PUSHIN' ME "GONNA BE ALL RIGHT," SHE SAYS-
WHAT?!
Oh, FOR SURE, UH!! I SUPPOSE I HAD TO TIE YOU UP AND DRAG YOU ALONG, huh? LIAR!


Oh, YEAH?! YOU MAKE ME SOUND LIKE SOME KINDA PERVERT OR SOMETHIN'! THAT'S WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE, BITCH!
OUCH
BITCH? YOU CALLIN' ME A BITCH?! WELL, I HEAR YOU LIKE BEIN' TIED UP, LONG EARS!

SMAK!
OW!! Ooohhh, NOW YOU'VE DONE IT! OUT OF THE WAY, GREEN-PEACE! I'LL--
SHADDAP, BOTH OF YA!!

WHA..?
HOW YA FEELIN?
ME? I... DID I BLACK OUT?
WE WERE BREATHING DENSITY EIGHT BACTERIA
?!?
CALM DOWN... THERE WASN'T A TENTH AS MUCH ACTIVE BACTERIA INSIDE AS OUTSIDE. THEY DID SOMETHING TO ARTIFICIALLY RAISE THE DENSITY, BUT IT MADE THE MICROBES THEMSELVES DORMANT
STILL ENOUGH TO KILL MOST FOLKS... YOU'RE A TOUGH PAIR
BY THE WAY, KID... WE WON'T KNOW FOR SURE UNTIL THE QUACK CHECKS OUT THE CORPSE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT PUNK BOUGHT IT FROM AN OVERDOSE, NOT FROM THE BACTERIA CLOUD...
I... uh I HEARD YOU MOANING ABOUT IT IN YOUR SLEEP. FEEL BETTER NOW?
Uhmm... I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TOO EMBARRASSING, DID I? I MEAN... WELL, YOU KNOW
HATE TO TELL YOU, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR ECO-SPHERE BOUGHT IT, TOO
Huh... GUESS THAT ONE FISH THERE ATE TOO MUCH AND THREW THE WHOLE SYSTEM OUT OF BALANCE. SILLY BUGGER, ACTING LIKE A HUMAN...
COULD YOU HIDE IT SOMEWHERE, BEFORE AL WAKES UP? THANKS
TANK POLICE

LOOK AT THESE FILTERS BONAPARTE'S IN BAD SHAPE...
BY THE WAY, LEONA--- YOU OWE AL A BIG THANK-YOU. HE FED THE LAST OF HIS OXYGEN INTO YOUR MASK AFTER YOU PASSED OUT
A TRUE GOOD SAMARITAN!
WE'LL HAUL THE TANK BACK OURSELVES
YOU TWO BETTER HUSTLE OFF TO THE HOSPITAL AND GET CHECKED OUT. LET ME KNOW HOW IT GOES, OKAY?
GEE
AL DID THAT FOR ME?
I HOPE HE WAKES UP SOON...
LOVEABLE GOOF!

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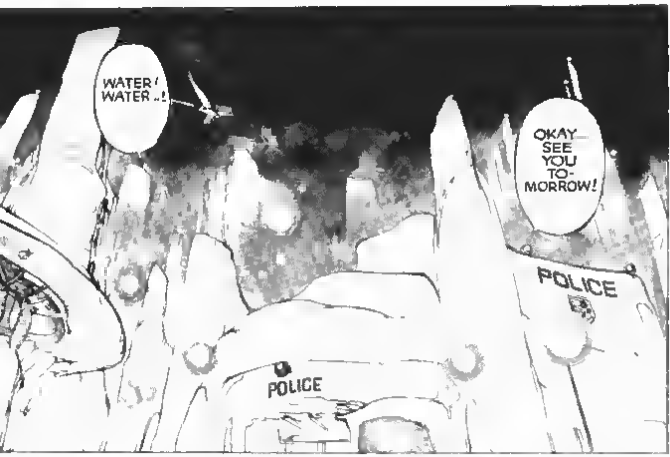
WATER! WATER...!
OKAY SEE YOU TO-MORROW!
POLICE
POLICE

HELLO POLICE OH IT'S YOU AGAIN. THE PROPHET OF DOOM
BRUMMM tak tak
NO, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN HE'S GOT SOME KIND OF SEXUAL COMPLEX
I TELL YA, IT WAS BRUTAL GUTS ALL OVER THE PLACE HIS HEAD WAS SQUASHED LIKE A GRAPE GREAT STUFF!
HEY YOU GONNA KILL ME? YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME RIGHT?!
WHEW I COULD FAINT
I'M GONNA SUE THAT IDIOT PSYCHIA-TRIC EVALUA-TOR!!

THAT KID WAS JUST SIXTEEN TIES TWENTY LOADED SHOTGUNS TO HIS CAR! HOOKS THEM UP TO AN ELECTRIC TRIGGERING DEVICE...
takka tak tak
BRUMMM
I MEAN, JUST WHAT WAS HE THINKING ?!
SOME KIND OF WHITE'S JOKE
YOU SHOOT THE SON OF A BITCH ..?!
THE WHOLE DAMN THING WENT OFF! RIGHT IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA. TOO TWENTY-TWO PEOPLE DEAD, PLUS ONE CAT!
BANG!
US KE THAT

DRRN
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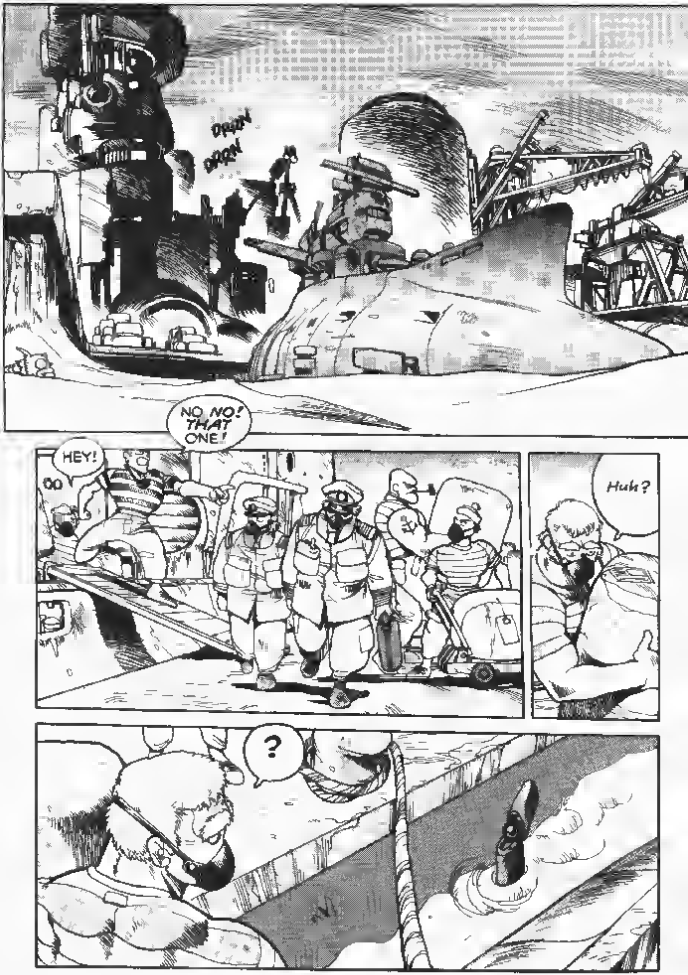
DRRN
BUAKU, MESSAGE HERE FROM THE BIG BOSS "OPERATION GO. PRAYING FOR YOUR SUCCESS."
RIGHT!
HELM! ALL AHEAD, ONE-THIRD!
AYE, AYE, SIR!

I'LL WARM UP THE KREECHIKA FOR YOU, 'KAY?
DRRN
DRRN
CLOSE THE HATCH! WE'RE PAYING!
I JUST HATE THOSE DUMB ATTACK HELI-COPTERS, ANNA!
YEAH, BUT BUAKU GOT 'EM FROM THE BIG BOSS, RIGHT? I MEAN, THEY'RE MADE JUST FOR US!
DRRN
DRRN
YOU KNOW... I WISH BUAKU AN' HIS GANG WERE ON THEIR WAY ALREADY, AND THE BOSS'D PICK US UP. I'M TIRED OF THIS—

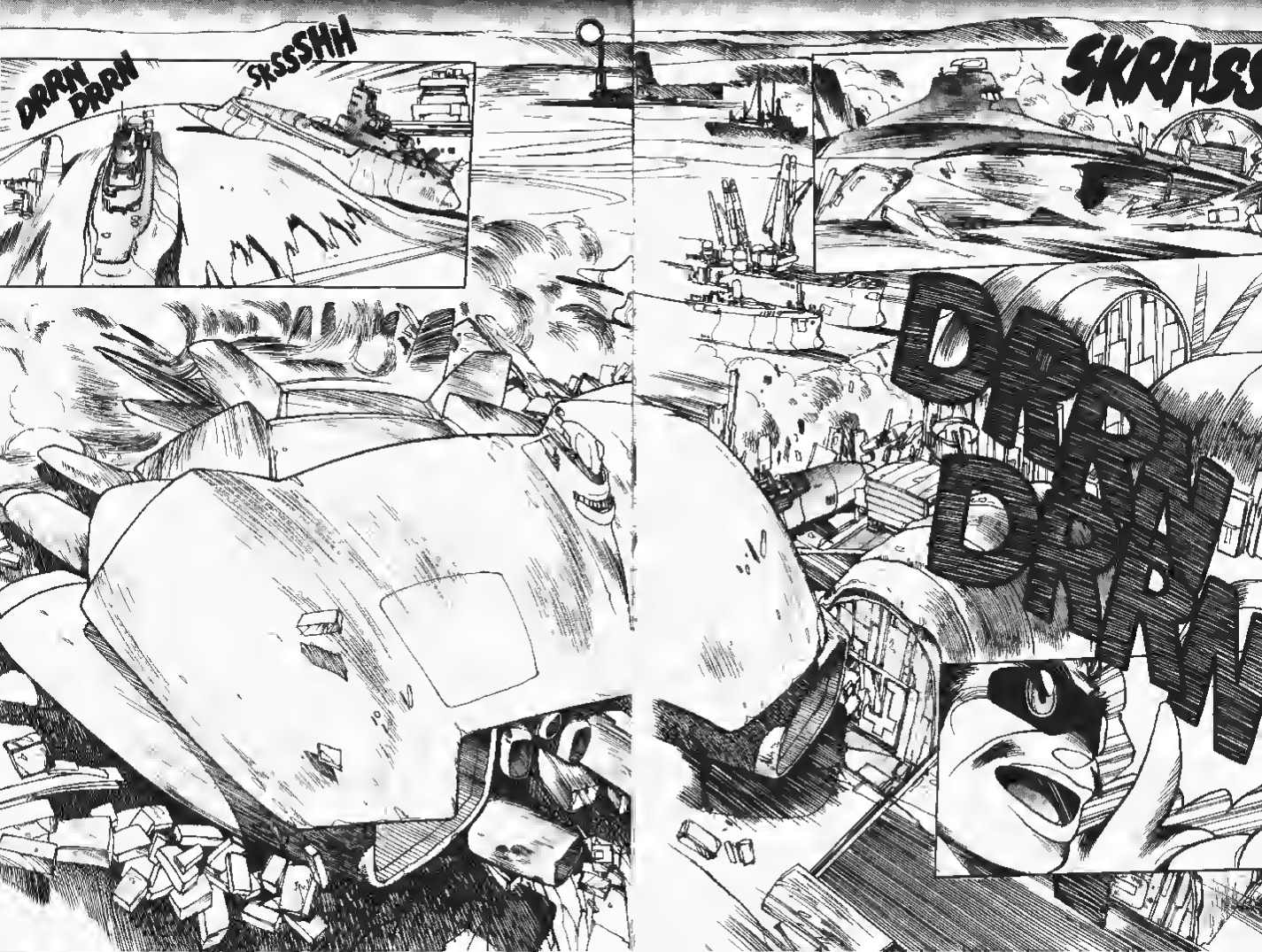
DRRN DRRN
DRRN
DRRN DRRN
WELCOME TO "SAND PORT"...!
DRRN DRRN
DRRN DRRN
HEY, DID YOU FEEL THE SHIP ROCK JUST NOW?
NAW.. IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT WHEN YOU'VE BEEN AT SEA TOO LONG .. YOU START TO FEEL IT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE DOCKED


DRUM
DRUM
NO NO! THAT ONE!
HEY!
Huh?
?

??
HEY! WHA
WHOK
KRAK
AW I'M NO I'M NO
WH
FWIP
THUD
YOUR BOAT'S IN THE WAY, HONEY. FIGURE YOU WOULDN'T MIND, LIKE, MOVING IT, huh?

Heh, heh...
DRRR
DRRR
DRRR
DRRR
ALL RIGHT, THEN SHALL WE PUT ASHORE?
RIG PLANES FOR SURFACING!
AYE AYE SIR!
UNIPUMA'S BACK ALREADY WHEN WE GONNA STOP SCREWIN' AROUND AND *SHOOT SOMETHIN'*, BUAKU ?!
GUNNERY ROOM! AS SOON AS WE SURFACE, SHELL THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, THEN HIT THE MAIN HIGHWAYS!

BUAKU! WOULD YOU LAUNCH US ALREADY?! MY SHOULDERS ARE ACHING AND MY BUTT'S ASLEEP!
WSHH!
WSHH!
WSHH!
YOU TWO READING ME? ONCE YOU'VE RUSTLED UP SOME HOSTAGES AT THE HOSPITAL
IT'S ALL RIGHT TO HAVE A BIT OF FUN MAKE THE COPS DIVIDE THEIR FORCES, eh?
ALL RIGHT!
GOTCHA!
YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT A GIRL LIKES, BUAKU!
OKAY! LET'S GO!!
START THE OPERATION!!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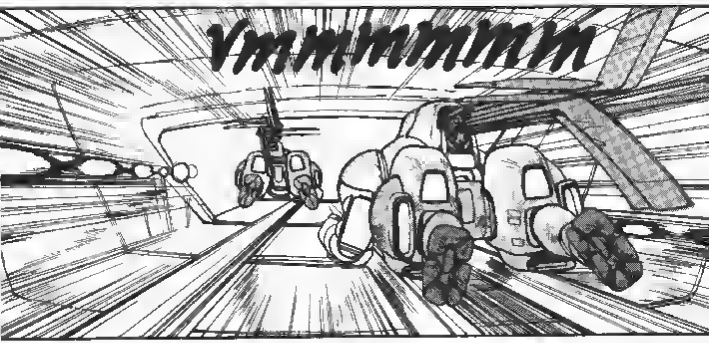
SKSSSHH
SKRASS
DRRN DRRN

SKRASSH
SSSSSS
SSSSSS
SSSSSS
DRRN
DRRN
VVVVVVVVV
WE'RE USING THE CATAPULTS! PREPARE FOR A BRIEF BLACKOUT!
AW, GEEZ...! DEAR GOD, PLEASE KEEP MY ROTORS FROM DISINTEGRATING IN MID-AIR!
UNI, YOU DUMMY! DON'T EVEN LET HIM KNOW YOU EXIST, OR HE MIGHT INVITE YOU UP TO HEAVEN FOR A PERMANENT PARTY!
KCHAK!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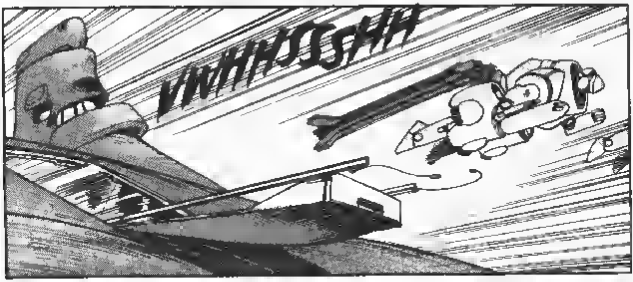
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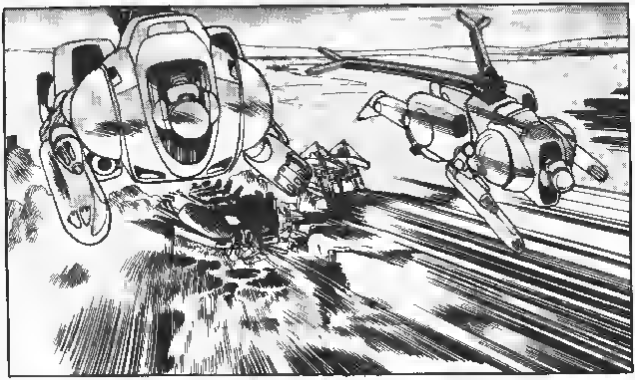


WHKOOM
WHA-WHA-WHAT THE HELL?!
KCHAK KCHAK
AIM FOR THE HIGH-RISES AND SLUMS! THE MORE INJURIES, THE BETTER!
REMEMBER, YOU KILL SOMEONE AND THAT'S IT! INJURE SOMEONE AND YOU TIE UP THREE PEOPLE TAKING CARE OF HIM!
NO PROB, BOSS! Heh, heh, heh!
KEEP LOBBING SHELLS UNTIL ANNA AND UNI HAVE THE HOSTAGES AND WE'RE HEADING OUT TO SEA. KEEP THE COPS LOOKING THIS WAY!
YUP YUP YUP
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE THIS FAIL!
CROUS! WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
WHOK

THERE'S NO LIGHT IN HERE...
HAVE A LITTLE PATIENCE, GIRL. JUST PUT UP WITH IT A LITTLE LONGER, OKAY?
EVERYONE ELSE IS BUSY PACKING, SO WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THEM A HAND, eh?
IF THIS OPERATION WORKS, THEN YOU CAN HAVE THE WHOLE SUN TO YOURSELF!
ANY-TIME YOU WANT, FOR AS LONG AS YOU WANT!
WE'LL TRADE THE HOSTAGES FOR A SPACE SHUTTLE AND STARSHIP!
IT'S GOODBYE AND GOOD RIDDANCE TO THIS DYING LUMP OF DIRT!
DRRN DRRN DRRN
SWOOSH

RRIINGG!
HELLO, POLICE HERE HELLO...? HELLO?
BUT I'M SO BEAUTIFUL! HOW CAN THEY POSSIBLY SAY ARE AS A SUICIDE
BALLS OF FIRE? UFOS? CALL THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, FELLA
TERRORIST BOMBINGS IN THE SLUMS?
THEY BLEW UP A RESIDENTIAL HOTEL?
FUNNY NO ONE'S TAKING CREDIT...
HELLO POLICE HERE GIVE ME YOUR ADDRESS AND THEN STATE YOUR PROBLEM
Huh? YOU'RE SEEING BALLS OF FIRE? YEAH, SURE YOU ARE CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, LADY
RRIINGG
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?! TOO GODDAMN EARLY IN THE SUMMER FOR FIREWORKS...
HEY! RAFE JUST KILLED HIS FIRST GUY! HE'S IN SHOCK DOWNSTAIRS -- TIME FOR THE POLICE CHAPLAIN, MAYBE...?
takkatak I'M ON MY WAY! RRIINGG
takka tak
WHERE'D LEONA GET TO?
DOWN WITH HER PET TANK, I'O IMAGINE
CATCH 22
RRIINGG takka takka
?
CHARLES!
POLICE
THIS IS CHARLIE NAM. HE'S JUST BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE TANK POLICE.
MY SPECIALTIES CLAYMORE MINE AND GRENADE LAUNCHER ALSO M16A1, A2..
WEAR YOUR CAMO WHEN YOU'RE IN THE CITY, FOOL
JUST THE MAN WE NEED. FINISH FILLING OUT THESE AMMO INVOICES FOR ME, THEN LET'S TAKE A TRIP TO THE FIRING RANGE.

NAM, huh? YOU SAID YOU KNOW ABOUT M16 RIFLES?
takkatakka RRRMMMGG
YOU BET! M16 SO GOOD FOR CARRYING BARBED WIRE SO NICE FOR FINDING MINE, DRYING LAUNDRY.. hee, hee, hee
I ONLY BELIEVE IN AK47 ASSAULT RIFLE ITHACA TWELVE GAUGE SHOTGUN AND H&K P9 FORTY-FIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC
tak takka RRRMMMGG
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, NAM
YEAH, THAT'S ME SPEAKING
YOU'VE MANAGED TO REPLICATE THE GREEN-PEACE SYSTEM?!
RIGHT! GOT YOU! BE THERE IN FIVE MINUTES!
LOOK FELLA IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, THEN HOW THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?! OKAY, IT'S A GIANT LOBSTER, huh? IN THE HARBOR RIGHT
takka tak takka RRRMMMGG
HEY, HEY SHOVE OVER
HEY THAT GUY TALKIN ABOUT A GIANT LOBSTER YOU FIGURE MAYBE HE MEANT A SAND CRAWLER ?
GOOD GOD! YOU DON'T THINK BUAKU--
REMEMBER THAT ONE THAT WENT MISSING?
GET A UNIT DOWN THERE, AND I MEAN YESTER-DAY!
THE BACTERIA CLOUDS HATE THIS HEAT GOOD THING, huh?
WHMP
ROBIN
YEAH BUT THE FALLOUT FROM ALL THOSE DEAD BACTERIA IS TURNING MY SWEAT TO MUD
WHERE ARE THE PATROL BOATS THAT USED TO PATROL?

T IS FOR TANK, AND T IS FOR TERROR, AND K IS THE K FOR KILLING IN ERROR
POLICE
Sniffff...
YOU LOOK BORED, AL
ARE YOU MAKING GOOD USE OF YOUR PRECIOUS TIME?
Y'KNOW I LIKE THE LEONA THAT'S ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF BONAPARTE LIKE THAT...
MORE THAN I LIKE THE LEONA I SEE WHEN WE'RE ALONE TOGETHER...
WELL, NOW I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT DON'T REALLY THINK I CAN HELP YOU ON THAT ONE!
HA-HA HA
BUT YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T EXACTLY DISLIKE AN AL THAT STOPPED SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT

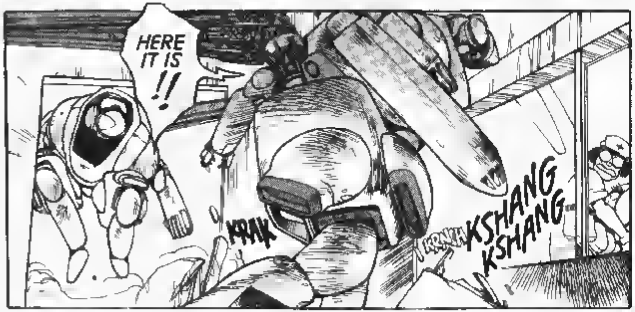
I'M ME- CAN'T ASK FOR MORE THAN THAT, hmmm ?
I MEAN, I'M NOT ASKING FOR MORE THAN THAT!
JUST SOMEONE WHO'S LEVEL-HEADED, HEALTHY, STUNNINGLY HANDSOME, NOT ACCIDENT-PRONE, INCREDIBLY RICH, CHEERFUL, ACTIVE, CRACKLING WITH ENERGY, SPORTS-LOVER GENTLE, STRONG, WITH A STREAK OF GOOD LUCK.
PROFESSIONAL STREET FIGHTER & MYSTERIOUS ALIEN WITH SUPER POWERS & CARBON BLEU CHEF LOVES HIS GRANDMA SO FAITHFUL AND TRUE
NOW, THAT'S SOMEONE I COULD FALL IN LOVE WITH!!
I GIVE UP.
Aw, I DON'T REALLY MEAN THAT RISING EXPECTATIONS ARE WHAT RUINED OLD JAPAN.
Whew!
THAT'S GOOD YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE.
WHA AM I DO NO HERE?
YOU'RE MY VERY VERY IMPORTANT PARTNER.
?!
ALL TANK POLICE PERSONNEL
weeoo weeoo weeoo
TO DUTY STATIONS
HERE WE GO AGAIN JUST LIKE ALWAYS...
AW GEEZ
I WONDER IF SHE IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER? SHE BEEN WATCHING TOO MANY ROMANTIC MOVIES?
SHE'S STILL YOUNG... HER BIOCLOCK'S NOT TICKING YET!

RANG
SPRAK
WHOD
SKRASSH
OSPITAL
ANNA! FOLLOW ME TO THE NURSERY !!

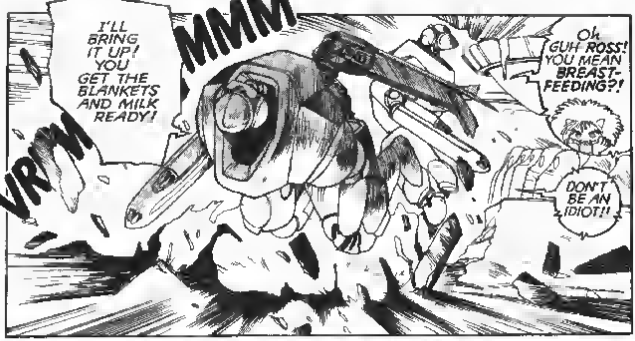
VRRR

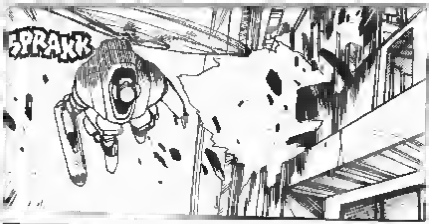
VWHOOSSH
BTAM

ALL RIGHT, FRANK!! YOU MUST HAVE PUT SOMETHING IN MY TEA, YOU RAT!
WAIT! WAIT! CALM DOWN! I SAW IT, TOO!
SO I GUESS I NEED A VACATION
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE


HERE IT IS !!
KRAK
KSHANG KSHANG

Oh, WOW.. ANNA, THEY'RE SO CUUUTE! ALL PACKED AND READY FOR STEALING! WHAT A HAUL!
THEY DON'T FIGHT BACK, THEY CAN'T RUN AWAY. COULDN'T ASK FOR BETTER HOSTAGES! AND THEY DON'T DIE EASILY, EITHER!
HYAAA
AA!
DON'T BE AN IDIOT!!
KANG KANG
GEE, UNI, CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING?! I JUST CAN'T STAND SENILE OLD FARTS, BRATS, NERDS, AND MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN!
WAHAHAHAHA, HAHA!!
KANG KANG
YOU SAW THAT BIG AMBULANCE PARKED OUT FRONT?
IF WE, LIKE, USE THAT, WE CAN CARRY FIFTY OF THEM AT LEAST!

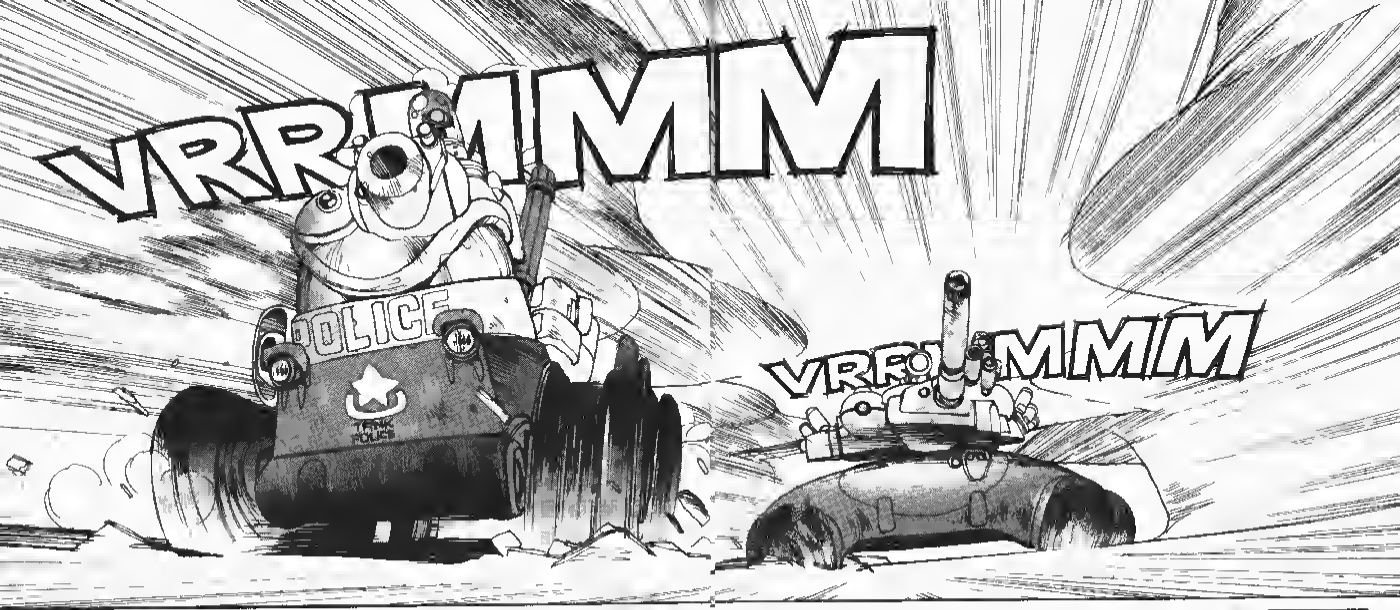

I'LL BRING IT UP! YOU GET THE BLANKETS AND MILK READY!
VRRM
MMM
OH GUH! ROSS! YOU MEAN BREAST-FEEDING?!
DON'T BE AN IDIOT!!


SPRAKK

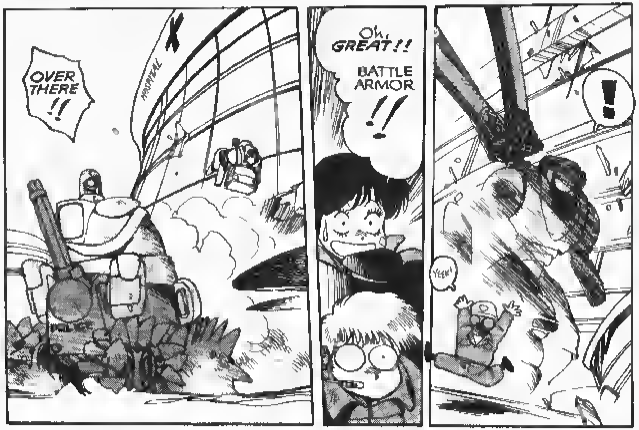
OH FUTS! I MUST HAVE USED THE HOVERING JETS TOO MUCH...
MY FUEL'S ALMOST GONE!!

WHUP WHUP
WHUP WHUP
EMERGENCY

WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP


VRRMMM
POLICE
TRAUMA POLICE
VRRUMMMM

BRENTEN! ARE YOU SURE THE HOSPITAL IS THEIR REAL TARGET?!
TRUST YOUR BOSS, GIRL!!
IF THIS WASN'T JUST A DIVERSIONARY RAID, THEY WOULDN'T BE HITTING THE HIGHWAYS THEY'D NEED FOR THEIR ESCAPE! TRACE BACK THEIR SHELL TRAJECTORIES AND PICK YOUR TARGETS!
YOU WERE RIGHT, COMMANDER! I'M PICKING UP TURBINE ENGINE AND ROTOR NOISES FROM THE HOSPITAL AREA! TWO HELICOPTERS SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE FITTED WITH IR BLACKOUT SHIELDS ON THE MUFFLERS!
Heh heh-heh. I LOVE THIS


OVER THERE!!
Oh, GREAT!! BATTLE ARMOR!!
!
Yeow!

COME OUT TO PLAY, huh, YOU AND YOUR STUPID TOY TANKS!
KSHANG KSHANG KSHANG
KSHANG KSHANG
LEONA!! LOAD AN ANTI-ARMOR MULTIPLE WARHEAD HEAT ROUND!!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!! HA HA HA! COMBAT ARMOR!! THIS IS JUST WONDERFUL!
HA HA hee hee
DAMN IT ALL !!

VRRTT
TTTT
TANK JOHNS
SKRAS
SSCHHH
YOU REALLY THINK THOSE 12.7mm PEASHOOTERS WORK NOWADAYS?! Heh, heh, heh!
VRTTT
AIEEE!!!
SPANG
SPANG
SPANG

SPANG
PASPANG
SPANGALANG
VRMM
KSHAK
OH, NO YOU DON'T !!
WHEW! 30mm VULCANS! I THOUGHT POOR BONAPARTE WAS FINISHED!
VRTTT
AIEEE!!!
SPANG

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS! WE'RE COUNTER-ATTACKING!! RUN A FUEL CHECK, THEN PINPOINT THEIR POSITION-- THEY'RE DEAD MEAT!!
LEONA! THEY'RE ANTI-TANK HELICOPTERS! THOSE GUYS ARE TANK KILLERS!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT-- IF THEY GO FOR ALTITUDE, THEY'LL MAKE BETTER TARGETS. IF THEY FLY NAP OF THE EARTH, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SPOT US.
BESIDES, IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF HELI-COPTERS- STAY OUT OF TANKS!
VRMMMM
POLICE
MEAT!
UH, WHAT'S WRONG?
BELLE EPOCH
ANNA!
ANNA, THAT LITTLE MONSTER TOOK A OERLIKON 30mm ATTACK FULL ON, AND IT'S STILL ALIVE!
THEY MUST HAVE CHOBHAM/ FASCES COMPOSITE ARMOR! I WARNED YOU, DIDN'T I ?!
TRY TO AIM FOR THE WEAK SPOTS-- HATCHES, TREADS, THE GUN BARREL!

ROTOR TRACE AT 11 O'CLOCK! ALTITUDE TEN FEET! WE'LL INTERSECT THEIR FLIGHT PATH IN FIVE SECONDS!
FOUR!
THREE!
PATCH ME INTO FLIGHT CONTROL!
HERE THEY COME!!
shreck!
HERE'S A PRESENT FOR YOU, BITCH!
KLIK
BKO
EEEK!!
OM
BOOM BOOM BOOM
TO BE CONTINUED

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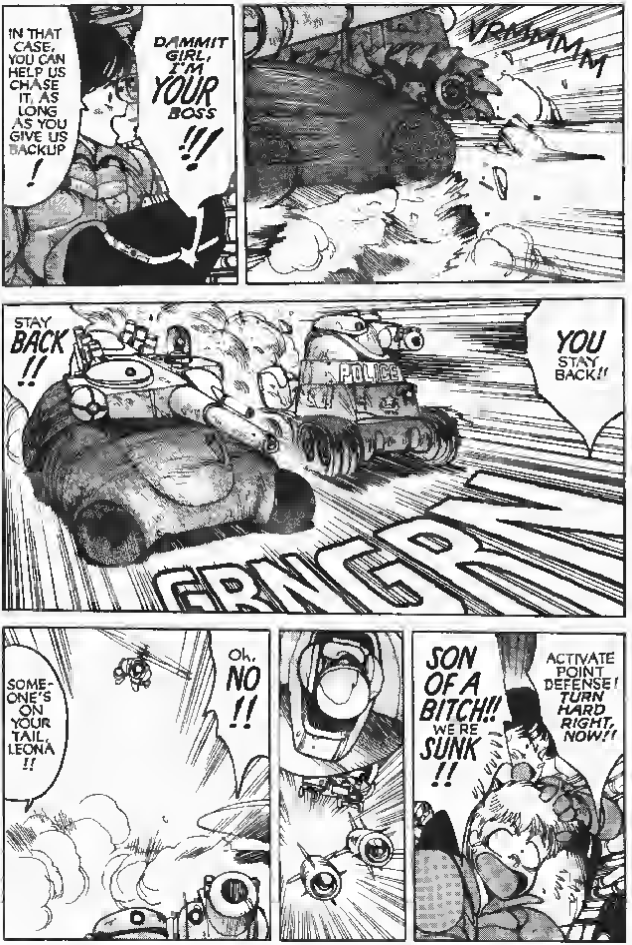
VROOM
OUCH!
SKREEE
BROOM
BROOM

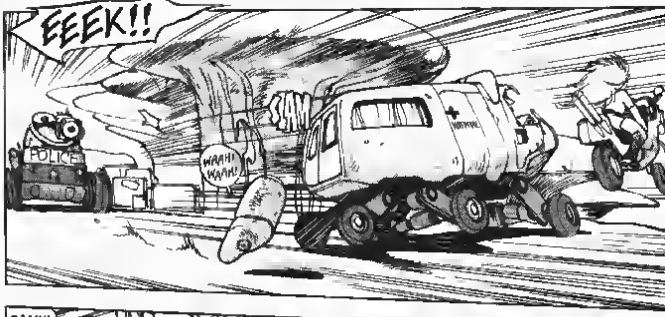
BRENTEN WANTS US TO HELP HIM OUT--THE HOSPITAL'S IN BAD SHAPE!
SHUT UP AND FOLLOW HER!
GRNGRNGRN
ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE REGULAR PATROL CARS?
THEY'RE PROBABLY ALL SCRAP BY NOW! BUAKU'S GOT US TOTALLY OUTCLASSED IN EQUIPMENT AND TACTICS!
YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THAT... WHERE DO THEY GET THOSE INCREDIBLE WEAPONS?
I MEAN, YOU CAN'T EVEN STEAL STUFF LIKE THAT! AND EVEN IF YOU COULD, NO CROOK WOULD USE THEM--THEY'D JUST SELL THEM TO SOME ARMS MERCHANT.
SO JUST WHAT IS BUAKU UP TO? CAN'T BE AFTER MONEY.. AND IF THEY MAKE TOO MUCH TROUBLE, SOMEONE'LL CALL OUT THE ARMY AND BYE-BYE BUAKU.
HE'S TOO DAMN SMART NOT TO KNOW THAT.
GRNGRNGRN

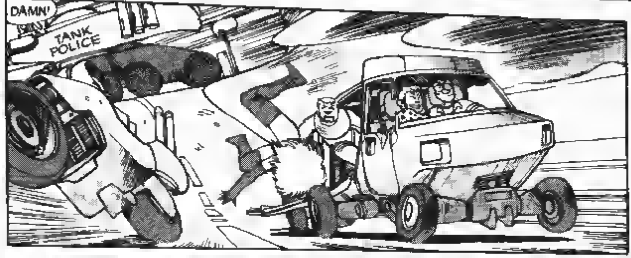
SKREEECH!
BRENTEN!!
KANG
THEY'RE ESCAPING! WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU?!
GET OFF THE ROAD, YOU IDIOTS! THE AMBULANCE IS GETTING AWAY!!
?!


IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN HELP US CHASE IT, AS LONG AS YOU GIVE US BACKUP !
DAMMIT GIRL, I'M YOUR BOSS !!!
VRMMMMM
STAY BACK !!
POLICE
YOU STAY BACK!!
GRNGRN
SOME-ONE'S ON YOUR TAIL, LEONA !!
Oh, NO !!
SON OF A BITCH!! WE'RE SUNK !!
ACTIVATE POINT DEFENSE! TURN HARD RIGHT, NOW!!

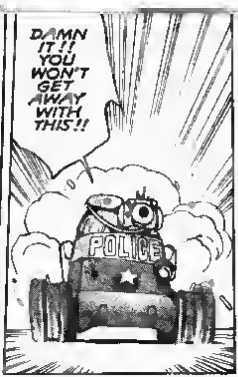
WHOOM
1994
GRN GRN GRN
SKRASH

HALT OR WE'LL SHOOT!
POLICE
JUST TRY IT, COPPER!! THE BABIES DIE TOO!
BOOM
SCREEEE
KCHAK
SPARK
HEH!
YEEP!
!
POLICE
HEY, CHECK THESE OUT! EVERY ONE PACKED WITH A BABY!
HERE, CATCH!!
!
KRANG


EEEK!!
POLICE
WAAH! WAAH!
SLAM

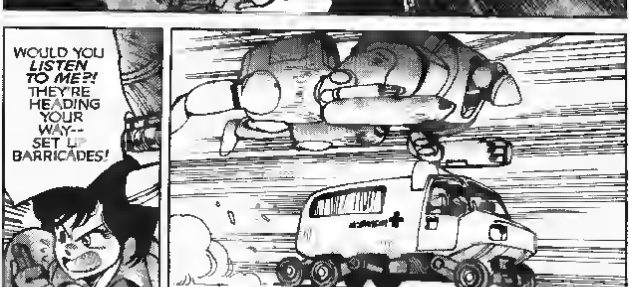

DAMN!
TANK POLICE

JUST 47 OF THEM? THAT ENOUGH, OR WHAT?
THEY WON'T LET ANY THE!
YEAH, IT'LL DO. WE JUST NEED ENOUGH HOSTAGES TO STOP THEM UNTIL THE COLONY'S CLEAR...

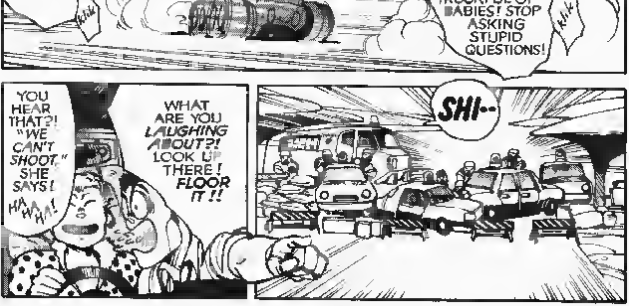

DAMN IT!! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!!
POLICE

SO WE'RE REALLY DOING IT, huh? BITCHIN'!

THIS IS ANNA... COME IN, UNI! I'M GETTING LOW ON FUEL!
ACCELERATE TO RENDEZVOUS SPEED SO I CAN PICK YOU UP!


WOULD YOU LISTEN TO ME?! THEY'RE HEADING YOUR WAY-- SET UP BARRICADES!

VRMMMMM
THEY ARE NOT TOO FAST FOR US!!
WE CAN'T SHOOT BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT A TRUCKFUL OF BABIES! STOP ASKING STUPID QUESTIONS!


YOU HEAR THAT?! "WE CAN'T SHOOT," SHE SAYS! HA-HA-HA!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT?! LOOK UP THERE! FLOOR IT!!
SHI--

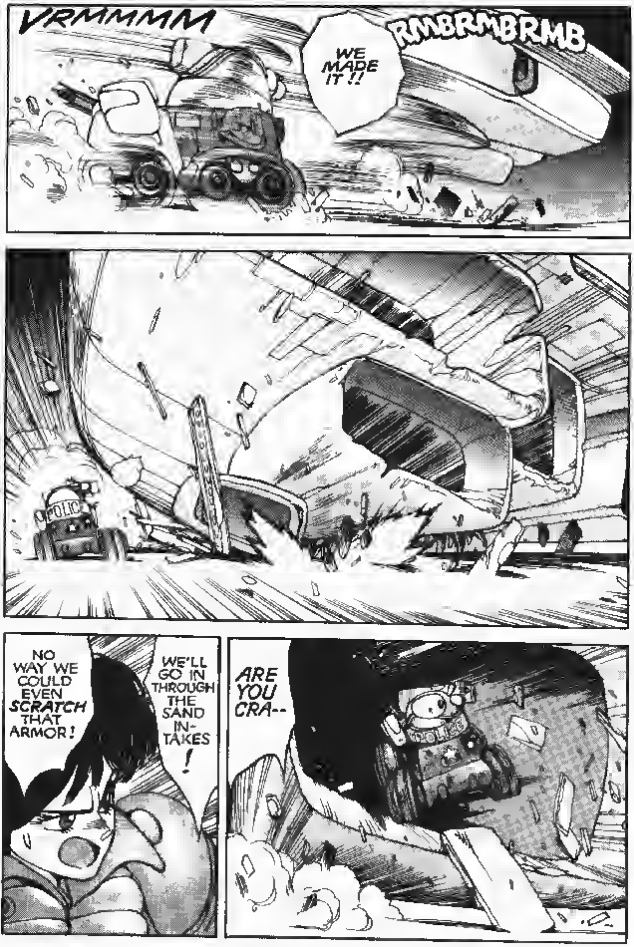
WRAMM
WHOOSH
BKDM
AIEEE!
WHOULF!
SILLY BOYS! WHY'D THEY EVEN BOTHER WITH A BARRICADE? MUST LIKE GETTING WASTED, eh?
EEK!
SKRASH
POLICE

YA!EEE!
WHAM
OH SHIT! WE'RE TRAPPED!
SHUT UP YOU BIG BABY!
KLIK KLIK
VREEEE VREEEE
Waaahh! WE REALLY CAN'T GET OUT!!
LEONA! STOP KICKING!
BYE BYE!!
VREEEEEEEEEEEEE

BABIES? THEY GOT BABIES FROM THE HOSPITAL ?!
MY ULCER--
CHIEF!
RRIINNGG
RRIIN
takka tak tak
SHORE PATROL REPORTS A BUAKU SHIP IN THE HARBOR !
WHAT THE HELL ARE THOSE TANK JOCKEYS UP TO?!
FWMP
WHKOOM
UPSY DAISY!
POLICE
ALRIGHT! LET'S HEAD FOR THE HARBOR!
GRNGRNGRN
POLICE
MMM!

BUAKU'S DEMANDING WHAT?! HE WANTS TO TRADE THE BABIES FOR A SPACE SHUTTLE?!
IT GETS WORSE, CHIEF - HE ALSO WANTS US TO HAND OVER THE SPACE COLONY THEY'VE JUST FINISHED BUILDING - THE EMBRYO
THIS IS GETTING TOO BIG FOR US, CHIEF! WE'VE GOT TO CALL IN HELP!
I CAN CONTACT THE ARMY FOR YOU...!
I'VE ALREADY CALLED THEM, TWICE THEY SAY THEY'VE GOT ORDERS NOT TO INTERFERE
IT'S ALL BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE, NOW..
?
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE, BUAKU, NEVER!!
RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB

RMBRMB
ALL RIGHT!! ENGINES, FULL POWER! REVERSE COURSE!!
WE'RE OUTTA HERE!!
SKRASSHOOM


VRMMMM
WE MADE IT !!
RMBRMBRMB
POLICE
NO WAY WE COULD EVEN SCRATCH THAT ARMOR!
WE'LL GO IN THROUGH THE SAND IN-TAKES !
ARE YOU CRA--

-ZZYYYY!!
VRAAA

!
RMBR RMBRMB
POF POF POF POF
BKOOM
BKOOM
BKOOM
BKOOM
RMBRMBRMB
STEP ON IT !!
WE CAN'T GO ANY FASTER AT THIS DEPTH - THE SAND PRESSURE WOULD CRUSH THE HULL AND IF WE RUN SHALLOW, THEY STAND A BETTER CHANCE OF HITTING US!

TAKE US UP TO COMBAT DEPTH!
READY MISSILES! AS SOON AS YOU FIRE, TAKE US DOWN AND CHANGE COURSE!
LAY ONE BARRAGE RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM, AND ONE ON TOP!
YOU GOT IT!
RMB RMB RMB
whoosh
whoosh
BLAST HAZARD
AIEE!
WHAMM
WHAMM

GOT 'EM!
ALL RIGHT! HEE HEE!
OKAY! RIG PLANES FOR DIVING! TAKE US DOWN ANOTHER FIVE METERS. ENGINE ROOM, BEND ON 22 KNOTS
AYE, AYE, SIR!
D.I.* OVER 76!
BRING THE TORQUE UP OVER THE LIMIT!
ALERT ENGINEERING!
BUAKU!!
THE DRIVE PULLED IN A BUNCH'A JUNK WHEN WE DIVED-- THE ENGINE AIN'T SOUNDIN' TOO HOT...
OH, YEAH?

* 'DISCOMFORT INDEX" A **D.I.** OF 75 WOULD MEAN THE NOISE, HEAT, ETC. WOULD BE UNCOMFORTABLE TO HALF THE CREW. A **D.I.** OF 80 WOULD BE BAD FOR EVERYBODY.

GEE, ANNA, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT'S LIKE IN OUTER SPACE... huh?
HA HA HA HA
EXCEPT FOR STARS AN' NEBULAS AN' STUFF, IT'S JUST LIKE THE INSIDE OF YOUR HEAD! TOTALLY EMPTY!
WELL, Y'KNOW, THERE COULD BE ALL KINDS OF STUFF OUT THERE, ACTUALLY... OTHER PEOPLE, EVEN!
BY "STARS," ANNA MEANS PLANETS, ASTEROIDS, ETC. TALK ABOUT AN "EMPTY HEAD"...!
BOOM
WHAA!?!
SSSHHHH
POLICE
IT'S A VIRUS!!

VRMMM
GRNGRNGRN
POLICE
AIEEE!
GET AWAY!
GRNGRNGRN
POLICE
WE'RE TRAPPED! TRAPPED LIKE RATS IN A KLEIN BOTTLE!

Whew!
GRN GRN GRN
WE'LL TAKE OVER THE FUEL CELLS! TELL THEM WE'LL TRADE THEIR LIVES FOR THE HOSTAGES!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING! WHAT IF THEY DON'T GO FOR IT?!
WE'VE GOTTA TRY-- WE'RE PUBLIC SERVANTS, RIGHT?!
BUAKU! WE'VE GOT A HULL BREACH SIGNAL FROM C-DECK!
BEEP
BEEP
INTRUDERS...?
OOOO

YIKES!
THE TANK'S CUTTING THROUGH THE "VENA CAVA," MOVING TOWARDS THE "RIGHT ATRIUM." IF WE DON'T STOP IT, THE "BRAIN" IS NEXT!
WHAT ARE THE "LEUKO-CYTES" DOING?
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO FAIL NOW--ANY IDEAS?
NOW I'M MAD!
WE GOT NO CHOICE, BOSS! WE GOTTA SET THE AUTO-BUGS ON THEM!
FORGET IT--WE'LL NEED THOSE TO KEEP THE COPS BUSY UNTIL THE SHUTTLE'S OFF THE GROUND.
GET ME THE HYPER-SHOCK GUN AND A POWER-PACK
WHA-?! BOSS! YOU KNOW WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF YOU USE THAT INSIDE THE SHIP?!
SHUT UP AND DO IT!
HEAD THEM OFF AT THE PASS!
MEH HEH!

GRNGRNGRN
POLICE
?!
KRAK
HYAA
AH!
PO
CHNK
!
BKOOM
UNGH!
SPAK
ANNA!!

KRANG
SSSSHHHH
WHA-?!
SPZK
SPZK
FZZK
KZZT
M-MECHANICAL LOVE DOLLS?!
YOU SAID WHAT?!!
POLICE
HOW HOW DARE YOU INSULT AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLI-GENCE!
I'LL TEAR YOUR HEART OUT FOR THIS!!
THAT'S ENOUGH, ANNA!
JUST COOL IT, OKAY?
KCHAK

AH, FORGET IT! THAT PIPE JAMMED OUR MAIN GUN!
VREEEE
VREEEE
KRSK KRSK KRSK
MAKE ANY MORE TROUBLE FOR US, AND I'LL KILL YOU AND THE HOSTAGES IF YOU GET OUT OF HERE LIKE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL, I'LL LET 10 OF THEM GO WITH YOU. HOW ABOUT IT, TANK LADY?
BUAKU !!
POLICE
B-BUT BUAKU... THAT LITTLE BITCH CALLED ME A LOVE DOLL!
→ SNIFF ←
WELL? YES OR NO?
SCREW YOU, FAT BOY!! THE TANK POLICE DON'T NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS!
AW, COME ON... WE'LL FREE ALL THE HOSTAGES EVENTUALLY, ANYWAY
WE'RE NOT MURDERERS, YOU KNOW.
...
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME! WE'LL DEAL—
→ GASP! ←
OH, NO WE WON'T! BAD GUYS ARE BAD GUYS! SUBMIT TO THE LAW AND REFLECT UPON YOUR EVIL WAYS!!
STUPID MOVE, BUAKU

HOW LOW CAN YOU GET, ANYWAY?! KIDNAPPING BABIES !!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR REASONS ARE!! CRIME MUST BE PUNISHED-- NO EXCEPTIONS!!
THEY SAY A SINGLE LIFE IS WEIGHTIER THAN AN ENTIRE PLANET...
BUT IF THERE'S NO PLANET, THERE'S NO LIFE, eh?
THE EARTH SCREWED UP ON ITS BIOSPHERE MANAGEMENT... COULDN'T COPE WITH THOSE DAMN HUMANS.
WE'RE NOT ABOUT TO JOIN YOU ALL IN MASS SUICIDE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
WE'RE LEAVIN' THIS CHUNK OF DIRT, AND I DON'T FIGURE WE'RE GONNA BE BACK.
SO GET THE HELL OUT OF OUR WAY!

WHSSSH
WHA-?!
SKRANG
KCHAK
MPESDS
UH-OH!
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF YOUR BULLSHIT!
THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND LINE UP AGAINST THE WALL!

I GOTTA GIVE YOU CREDIT, GIRL...
I'M MAD
BUT...
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SPZZAKK
THE DUMB DIE YOUNG...
YOU'LL NEVER GET A PROMOTION NEW...
SPZZ SHAK
WELL WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? WE'VE GOT TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE REST OF THOSE JERKS, TOO!
HA HA HA HA

SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORTS, THE SHUTTLE WITH THE BUAKU GANG ON BOARD HAS ESCAPED THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE AND IS NOW -
BOOKS
LIEUTENANT! CHECK OUT MONITOR FOUR!
IT'S FROM THE SHUTTLE LAUNCH CENTER!
BEEP
HELLO, ALL! BUAKU'S ROBOT PAL HERE!
IF ANY-THING HAPPENS TO OUR FRIENDS UP IN SPACE, WE BLOW UP THE HOSTA-GES
WE'VE USED BRAIN MATTER FROM THE TWINS FOR OUR TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER, SO FORGET ABOUT JAMMING OUR DETONATION SIGNAL
HEH HEH HEH
THEY'VE GOT US ALL RIGHT...
SO OUR HANDS ARE TIED -?
NO WAY WE CAN FOLLOW THEM... THE BUDGET WON'T STAND IT
A MYSTERY HE BOUGHT A HOUSE

BRENTEN WHAT'S HAPPENING ?
takka
RRIINGG
taktak
YOU SUPPOSED TO BE OUT OF BED..?
RRIINGG
taktak
I CAN MOVE AROUND A LITTLE
THEY JUST PASSED THROUGH THE IONO-SPHERE
taktak
I CAN'T STAND IT!
WE ALMOST HAD THEM, TOO..
RRIINGG
taktaktak
THEY STOLE THE "EARTH" WE ALL THREW AWAY.

I BET THE COLONY'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE... MORE THAN ALL THE GOLD AND JEWELS IN THE WORLD
I WANTED TO GO THERE, SOMEDAY
APPLESEED IV IS COMING!
HEY, LEONA--WANNA SEE SOMETHING INTERESTING? Heh heh
DON'T SHOW ME ANYTHING DIRTY, OKAY?
NAW, NOTHIN' LIKE THAT THESE ARE BUAKU'S FINGERPRINTS--WE PULLED 'EM OFF THAT SAND-CRAWLER
YOU CALL THAT INTERESTING? I--
MADE IN JAPAN
tak tak
KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? IT MEANS THAT, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, YOU DID DAMN GOOD
CAN'T GIVE YOU A MEDAL, OF COURSE BUT YOU CAN KEEP THAT FOR YOURSELF, IF YOU WANT

I ASKED YOU NOT TO SHOW ME ANY-THING DIRTY!!
JEEZ ANYWAY! HOW COME US COPS ALWAYS GET THE SHORT END OF THE STICK?!
THEN AGAIN...
MAYBE, MAYBE IT IS BETTER THIS WAY?
MAYBE WORTH THINKIN' ABOUT, eh? HARD TO MAKE A DECISION, THOUGH...
RELIGION, SCIENCE, HAWKS AND DOVES. IT WAS THAT KIND OF CASE...
HEY! YOU BUTT-LAZY TANK JOCKS GONNA SIT AROUND ALL DAY WATCHING TV?!
RRINNGG
chung!
HEY TS EX
ANY CHANGE TODAY?
LOOKS LIKE THAT ANTI-APARTHEID MARCH IN SUNRIDGE IS TURNING INTO A RIOT. YOU GUYS WANNA HELP US CLEAR 'EM OUT?
THEY'VE GOT SOME GUESTS FROM THE AMAZING
takka tak
YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!!
Au Revoir, A bientot!
RRINNGG
KLIK
HEY, PIE CAUGHT THAT SEAL ARSON SY! ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO "INTERVIEW" HIM BRING YOUR MID GLOVES!
BUT NO BRASS KNUCKS, UNDERSTAND? NO MASKS FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS JERKS TO SHOT!
takkatak
YOU TAKE OUR TAX MONEY AND...!
AHA! I KNEW IT! THAT IDIOT GOT HIS MONEY FROM A LOAN SHARK!
RRINNGG
takkatak
LOOKS, ASSHOLE, WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN!
DEATH TO THE BAD GUYS!!
KLIK
HELLO, POLICE HERE. TELL ME YOUR ADDRESS AND PROBLEM!

PS. 132 HOURS LATER, THE BUAKU-OCCUPIED SPACE COLONY EMBRYO DISAPPEARED FROM ITS LAGRANGE POINT (METHOD OF MOVEMENT AND NEW COURSE UNKNOWN). THE HOSTAGE BABIES WERE ALL FOUND SAFE AND SOUND IN BUS STATION LOCKERS. NO INVESTIGATION WAS EVER UNDERTAKEN TO DISCOVER THE PERSONAGES BEHIND THE INCIDENT, WHOEVER THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN. AND IN TIME, THE MEDIA STARTED CHASING OTHER STORIES OF WHICH THERE WERE NO END...

THE END OF *DOMINION*